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Cell Tower Proposal Could Fill Dead Air, But Residents Worry

As Township Hall looks for ways to improve what police are calling a radio signal dead zone for patrols and emergency services, residents showed concern this week over one of those solutions: the installation of a cellular radio tower on a parcel of public land near the Great Road and Cherry Valley Road.

Earlier this year, the Township issued a request for proposals from potential contractors for the cell tower project, slated for a municipal easement along Cherry Valley Road, in response to police and Princeton Fire Department complaints concerning "dead spots" along the northwestern portion of the Township. Specific signal losses have been cited along areas between Cherry Hill Road and Province Line Road, near the Great Road.

But the bid proposals sparked a response from residents in that area who worried that Township Hall was expediting a project that, some said, needed more evaluation.

Township Committee members explained that putting the project out to bid was part of the evaluation process since the feasibility of the job is determined by potential contractors. "Our top priority is emergency services," said Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand Monday night during an informal reports hearing where about 20 residents from the Heather Lane area appeared unified in their concern.

David Gray, one of the Heather Lane residents, said the appearance of the Township seeking bidders made the cell tower project look as if it were moving forward.

"If the Township solicits a bid for a specific thing at a specific place, it sounds like they have a plan," he said, adding that one of the "big concerns" was home values in the neighborhood. Mr. Gray also urged the Township to organize a neighborhood meeting where resident concerns could be heard. That meeting appears to be slated for April 8 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall.

Ms. Marchand attempted to quell Mr. Gray's concerns over the perceived advanced state of the project, saying that putting the project out to bid is part of the vetting process where bidders and the Township evaluate the merits of the proposal.

"We are under no obligation to accept anything from potential bidders," she said.

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Couple Pledges \$25 Million to Hospital

A Pennsylvania couple this week pledged \$25 million for the completion of a Plainsboro-based replacement facility for the University Medical Center at Princeton, just months before Princeton HealthCare System entered the public phase of its capital campaign.

The gift is being touted as possibly the largest donation ever given to a New Jersey hospital.

The former West Windsor residents, David and Patricia Atkinson, plan to make the gift part of a matching gift program that would encourage other donations to the new hospital as the public fund-raising phase sets in, according to a statement released Monday by the Princeton HealthCare System, the hospital's corporate parent. A \$5 million portion of the gift will be used as a one-to-one match for gifts from physicians and hospital staff, while the remainder of the donation will be used as a one-to-two match for gifts toward the construction of the new hospital, resulting in what hospital officials are hoping will manifest itself in \$40 million in additional construction funding.

Groundbreaking is set for this summer on the former FMC Corp. site in Plainsboro near Plainsboro Road along Route 1 North. Construction of the 269-room, \$441 million state-of-the-art hospital is ex-

pected to take roughly three years. The hospital will be built on about 50 acres of the 158-acre site acquired by the Princeton HealthCare System.

The ATKINSONS said the hospital had played a crucial role in their lives.

"Few hospitals have this opportunity and most are faced by necessity to resort to making modifications as best they can to old facilities," Mr. Atkinson said, adding that the new UMCP campus "should result in the Princeton area having one of the very best, if not the best, regional hospitals in the United States."

Ms. Atkinson, a former member of the Princeton Hospital Auxiliary, served as the organization's membership chair for 10

years and as its treasurer for two years.

The hospital's personal role played a factor as well, Mr. Atkinson said. "Both of my parents received treatment in the hospital's intensive care unit," he said, adding that he had "major surgery" at the hospital in the past. It was also noted that two of the Atkinson's five grandchildren were born there.

An ebullient PHCS President and CEO Barry Rabner said in an interview Tuesday that the Atkinson gift could help to realize "all these great ideas."

"We're trying to execute this at a time when things are very challenging

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Library Bows Out of One-Card, Heartland and PRS Plans Intact

After the most recent Princeton Public Library Board meeting at which some board members expressed reservations about a debit card with the library's imprimatur, Heartland Payment Systems CEO Bob Carr offered library director Leslie Burger a chance to bow out, and she did.

Plans for the card to be distributed through the Princeton Regional School

(PRS) system remain intact, however, along with the possibility that other area schools may sign on to the arrangement, which gives students and their families a chance to use their ID card as a debit card while making a donation (one-half of one per cent of the charge) to a favorite local agency (still including the library) or receiving cash back.

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THE ROLE OF THE COURTS: Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was on campus Friday to receive the 2008 James Madison Award for Distinguished Public Service, given by the American Whig-Clio Philological Society, the political, literary, and debating organization. The 71-year-old Trenton native gave an address on "The Role of the Courts in a Liberal Democracy" as Robert George, Princeton University's McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, and Molly Alarcon, president of the American Whig-Clio Philological Society, looked on.

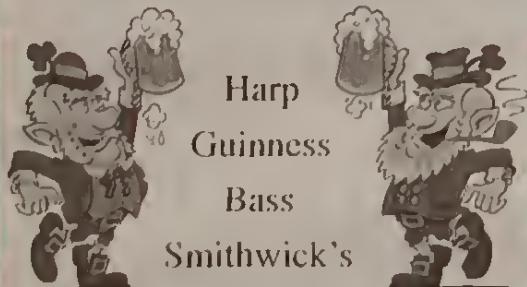
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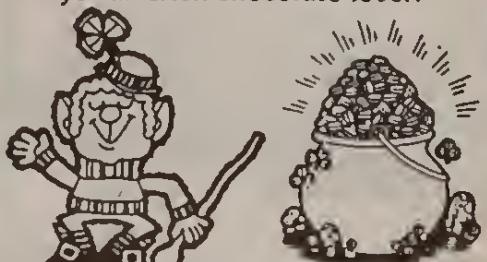
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ON THE FAR-AWAY ISLAND OF SALA-MA-SOND: Lewis pre-school students (from left): Harrison Young, Ava Rosenblatt, and Dylan Vaughan, display their versions of Dr. Seuss's "Yertle the Turtle." Students at the Lewis School of Princeton celebrated "Read Across America Week" from March 3 through March 7 by honoring Dr. Seuss's 104th birthday. The week's events included "Mixed-Up Monday," when students wore mismatched clothing; "Top Hat Tuesday," when they made red and white striped hats; "Wacky Wednesday," for wearing silly socks; "Theodore Thursday" when students learned biographical information about the author, Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss; and "Funny Food Friday," when students made their own versions of —what else? — Green Eggs and Ham.

**School Board Adopts Tentative Budget,
New Board Candidates Welcomed**

At its monthly meeting last week the Princeton Regional Board of Education adopted a tentative budget amounting to \$72,547,296 for the 2008-09 school year. Under

a proposed 3.32 percent tax increase, \$56,965,650 of this amount will come from taxpayers.

The proposed budget represents a one-cent tax rate increase in the Township and a 9.5-cent increase in the Borough. A discrepancy between the rate at which houses in the Borough and Township are changing (borough homes are said to be decreasing in value less quickly than township houses) accounts for a slightly higher rate of taxation for the Borough this year. The Township will still shoulder the largest proportion of the \$1.8 million increase, with approximately \$600,000 coming from the Borough and \$1.2 million from the Township.

school, a presentation on the high school's wetland habitat, and a description of grade-by-grade participation in service projects at Littlebrook Elementary School. There was also a report on the noteworthy success of the "Idea Center," a high school tutoring initiative that began seven years ago with support from a grant obtained through board member Jeffrey Spear.

After the announcement of a proposed McGill University-sponsored research project that would involve

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**TOPICS
Of the Town**

Earlier in the week, the district was able to lower its previous estimate of the tax increase, which had been 3.6 percent, after learning about an unexpected increase in charter school aid from the state. The total budget increase over last year would be 5.2 percent. Last year's budget, which represented a \$56 million tax levy, was narrowly approved by the Township, and rejected by the Borough. This year's proposed tax increase is well under the state recommendation of 4 percent.

Budget hearings are scheduled for March 20. The Township and the Borough will vote on the proposed budget on April 15.

Candidates Present

The presence of candidates for open board positions to be chosen in the upcoming April 15 election was acknowledged by Board President Michael Mostoller. Candidates include Borough resident Timothy Quinn, who will be running for Mr. Mostoller's seat, and Township residents Daniel Haughton and Naomi Perlman, who will run against incumbent Walter Bliss.

The meeting included, in addition to the budget action, reports of rising AP scores and participation in AP classes in the high

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School Board

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collecting PRS students' DNA to identify possible vulnerability to depression drew some expressions of concern over confidentiality, more details on the project were requested.

Money Matters

Rebecca Cox, a board member from the Borough, suggested that the board meet in a revenue-raising workshop. School Superintendent Judy Wilson remarked on the "good job done" to date in raising money for the school, particularly with the help of the Princeton Education Foundation. Alan Hegedus, another board member from the Borough, suggested that the question of a "tax-exempt institution in this town" be considered in the proposed revenue-raising discussion, implying that the University was not pulling its weight in supporting the community. Board member Joshua Leinsdorf disagreed, describing the University's "generosity" toward the school district and public library.

Calendar Query

Mr. Leinsdorf expressed some displeasure with the proposed 2008-2009 school calendar, noting that only half of the 40 five-day weeks are without any early dismissals. He suggested that the teachers' union endorse the elimination of the traditional days off for a mid-year convention, which, he said were "harmful" and "interruptive," especially in light of the coming year's unusually long winter break. The calendar was approved, with Mr. Leinsdorf as the only dissenting vote.

—Ellen Gilbert

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The Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action is planning a rally as part of a Moratorium Day to protest the fifth anniversary of the Iraq War on Wednesday, March 19. A Regional Rally on the State House steps, at 125 W. State Street in Trenton, from noon to 1 p.m. will take place on Moratorium Day. Car pools from Princeton to the event will leave the Princeton Shopping Center (near Rite Aid) at 11:15 a.m. Confirmed speakers include the Rev. Robert Moore, CFPA executive director, Larry Hamm, chair of the Peoples' Organization for Progress, Bruce Tornari, a disabled combat veteran of the Vietnam War, and Ladonna Blount, Organizer with NJ Citizen Action. For more information, call (609) 924-5022 or go to: cfpa.peacecoalition.org. In other news, New Jersey Students for Peace, CFPA's student affiliate, will present its semi-annual Peace Fest this Saturday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Rd., Princeton.

Sustainable Princeton is now accepting nominations for its third annual Sustainable Princeton Leadership Awards, to be given in May this year. Nominations must be received by Monday, April 14. Sustainable Princeton, an initiative of Princeton Township and Princeton Borough to develop a strategic sustainability plan that has helped to fund and arrange an energy audit for Princeton's schools and municipal governments, held a green home and garden tour in November, and recently purchased home-energy monitors for residents to borrow from the Princeton Public Library. It is organizing a green and local purchasing program for Princeton's schools and municipal governments in conjunction with Princeton University, and it is developing a Sustainable Community Plan for Princeton. People, institutions, or businesses who preserve and improve Princeton's natural or social environment, are eligible for nomination by writing: acrisct@princeton-township.nj.us, by calling (609) 921-1359, or by writing the Princeton Environmental Commission, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton. Nomination forms can be found on both the Borough and Township municipal Web sites. Nominations must be received by Monday, April 14.

The Princeton Laptop Orchestra is one of 17 winners of the Digital Media and Learning Competition, which awards funds to projects that use digital media in an innovative way for formal and informal learning. The contest, funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, awarded \$238,000 to the Princeton Laptop Orchestra to support a mobile musical laboratory that students will use to explore new ways of making music with laptops and local area networks. This is the first year for the competition, part of the MacArthur Foundation's five-year, \$50 million digital media and learning initiative designed to help determine how digital technologies are changing the way young people learn, play, socialize and participate in civic life. The winning projects were selected from 1,010 applications.

Internal Disputes Precede Police Suspensions; County Prosecutor's Office to Investigate

A conflict that has been simmering between Princeton Borough's chief of police and the focal police union has now surfaced with the paid suspension of three of the Borough's 34-member force.

The suspension grew out of an unnamed complaint filed within the department that fed to an internal investigation, resulting in the three officers' suspensions. The matter was then referred to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office last week, Chief Anthony Federico said.

The suspended officers, Patrolman William Perez, Sgt. Kevin Creegan, and Sgt. Kenneth Riley, have been removed from their assignments and could face termination, Chief Federico said.

James Mets, an attorney for the police union, PBA Local 130, has publicly stated that the three officers have done nothing wrong. The suspensions, however, come at the heels of a complaint filed by the union against the Borough and the police chief for unfair labor practices against the union's hierarchy.

The 11-page complaint filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC), which was obtained by Town Topics last Wednesday, outlines a series of in-

cidents involving Mr. Perez, the PBA 130 vice president and Mr. Creegan, a union trustee. The complaint, filed by Mr. Mets, alleges partisan disciplinary treatment of the three officers, and in some cases, relating to close acquaintances of the suspended officers.

The complaint also points to unbalanced administrative reassessments that are illustrated as punitive, evidently stemming from nearly two years of rising tension between the police department's administrative officers and union leadership.

The dispute appears to be directly related to last year's disciplinary hearing against Patrol Officer Sean McNeill, who is also the union president. Mr. McNeill stood to lose his job because of an alleged abuse of sick time. The complaint points to other union representatives' alleged reassessments and decline in positive treatment from the department during the intervening period. At one point, the report refers to a department detective being questioned because of "his positions with the PBA," with that officer being told that he "better be careful" in regard to his union duties or he would "find himself back in patrol."

The County Prosecutor's Office, which ordered the

suspensions, has declined to indicate the reason.

The dispute within the police department leads to public questions, said Councilman Roger Martindell. "There are critical issues in the department, and unfortunate as that may be, why should the public safety of the Borough of Princeton be jeopardized by the suspension of three officers pending the outcome of an investigation?" Mr. Martindell asked. "There's no allegation that I see that any member of the public was at any time disrespected or put in jeopardy by any police officer."

"It's all internal politics, and if that's the case, leave the officers on duty," Mr. Martindell said. "Why are we paying for people who don't work? It doesn't make any sense."

PERC has yet to hold a hearing on the dispute.

—Matthew Hersh

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Clubs

The next meeting of **55PLUS** on Thursday, March 20 at 10 a.m., will include a presentation by Thomas Knutson on "Anthropogenic Global Warming". It will take place at the Jewish Center of Princeton located at 435 Nassau Street.

Mr. Knutson has been a Research Meteorologist since 1990 working at the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL), located on Princeton University's Forrestal Campus. GFDL is a federal laboratory run by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and is regarded as one of the world's leading climate modeling centers.

His primary research focus in recent years has been on the potential link between climate change and hurricanes. He currently serves as Co-chair of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Expert Team on Climate Impacts on Tropical Cyclones; as a lead author on the U.S. Climate Change Science Program.

The Central Jersey Dance Society will meet for a swing dance at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, located on Cherry Hill Road, on Friday, March 14. A beginner level Lindy Hop lesson is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and intermediate at 8 p.m., both with instructor Donna Reinhart. Open dancing with swing band Eight to the Bar will be from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. No partner is needed to participate. Fees are \$15 regular/\$11 students with ID. For additional information visit www.centraljerseydance.org. or call (609) 945-1883.

The Kingston Greenways Association will be hosting a slide presentation with speaker Jeffrey Hall, entitled "Desert Dreams: a quest through the American Southwest", on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Laurel Avenue School located on the corner of Laurel Avenue and Union Street in Kingston.

The presentation takes the viewer on a quest through the American Southwest and shows the richness of this scenic landscape. The slides will reveal the ancient homes of the Anasazi and present habitats of a variety of plant and animal life in Big Bend, Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, the Huachuca Mountains and the Salton Sea.

Mr. Hall is an avid birder who teaches biology at the Pennington School and has published articles and photographs in Living Bird, Underwater Naturalist, New Jersey Audubon, American Birding Association's "Foreign Field Notes" and many other publications. He is currently the program director of Washington Crossing Audubon Society and has served two terms as its president.

The event is free and all are welcome. For more information, call (609)514-2416 or (609)683-0483.

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— Jeff Eikelbacher, Leabrook Lane



"The most recent event I attended was Alice in Wonderland at Littlebrook Elementary. Most of the events that we attend are children's events at the schools."

— Ann Reilly, Shady Brook Lane



"We saw A Christmas Carol at McCarter Theatre most recently." — Elizabeth Hamblet, Wittmer Court



"I've enjoyed the variety of concerts at Richardson Auditorium and I have seen many of the plays at McCarter Theatre. These are most of what I go to." — Semaj Vanzant, Mercer Street

Grim Report Challenges Borough Hall To Find Alternate Revenue Streams

Borough Hall will have to exercise significant belt tightening in upcoming budget cycles if significant tax increases are to be avoided, according to a staff report delivered to Borough Council last Tuesday.

The report factors the state-mandated 4 percent cap on the municipal tax levy, as well as weighing the potential impact of a \$300,000 decline in municipal construction fees in 2007. That decline, according to the report, could hit the Borough two-fold, canceling out the initial benefit of revenue, but the decline also precludes Borough Hall from anticipating, from a budget standpoint, any fee collections other than what the municipality collected the previous year. That spread amounts to roughly \$600,000, said Borough administrator Robert Bruschi, during the report's public presentation.

Coupled with approximately \$100,000 in state

aid, the decline presented "an obstacle to overcome," Mr. Bruschi said, though quickly adding that the budget assembled for 2008, and likely for 2009, would meet all of the Borough's budgetary requirements, including debt service, which allocates funding for capital improvement projects.

All municipal departments are "pretty much where they were at last year," Mr. Bruschi said, pointing to something of an across-the-board departmental budgetary freeze, with the exception of some incremental increases outlined in the early draft of a \$25 million operating budget, a 4.4 percent increase from 2007.

The state allows for add-ons to the municipal tax rate that would permit a tax increase of nearly 6.5 percent, or an increase of roughly six-and-a-half cents for every \$100 of assessed property value for the average Borough homeowner. Those add-ons account for increases in pensions, insurance, and the capital improvement fund, as well as in debt service, though Mr. Bruschi said the anticipated debt service load for 2008 would be down.

The state has eliminated about \$70,000 in municipal funding for homeland security and the Borough is anticipating a possible \$26,432 loss in state municipal property tax assistance.

The report did underline some bright spots, however. Last year, the Borough saw a \$91,000 increase in funding from Princeton University and indicated that the Borough could see the same

amount this year depending on construction levels. The Borough and University are in the final year of a three-year agreement where the University supplies an additional \$1 million per year in financing, with commensurate increases reflecting hikes in the tax rate. That number also increases each time a new, tax-exempt building is constructed and occupied in the Borough.

Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman said that she had been in discussions with University administration about extending that agreement.

Mr. Bruschi presented Council with a "multi-year challenge," aiming to seek out alternate sources of revenue in future years. Cur-

ently, the Borough's finance committee, which includes the mayor, is examining increases in construction fees. The Borough has not levied an increase in that area in over a decade, Mr. Bruschi said, "but we can clearly justify that need."

An expected sewer rate increase is currently being evaluated, Mr. Bruschi said. A third, "more significant" source of revenue could also be waiting in the wings, but Mr. Bruschi would not elaborate, pointing out that his office had been notified that the Borough could lose yet another \$300,000 in state aid.

"That's the kind of problem that we've been dealing with. Every time we get close

to feeling good about where we are from an overall budget standpoint, we get these wrinkles," he said. "It's been a real challenge and it's not really a good picture right now."

Council members immediately began coming up with suggestions to soften the blow of an impending series of moderate to sizable tax increases in the Borough for years to come.

Councilman Roger Martindell continued his call for more joint budget meetings with Princeton Township on matters relating to jointly held agencies. However, the most fiscally significant agencies in both the Borough and Township — police, public works, and administration

— are still included under each Princeton jurisdiction.

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said the Regional Planning Board of Princeton's Master Plan Subcommittee, on which she holds a seat, should consider a push for increased ratables in the Princetons, as well as the possibility of allowing greater height standards in town.

Councilman Andrew Koontz suggested an increase in purchasing materials, such as public works trucks and materials, with other municipalities. Mr. Bruschi responded that "we're looking everywhere — we're not going to pass anything up."

—Matthew Hersh

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"When someone gives you a gift of this magnitude, it really gives you the ability to fulfill the dreams that the whole organization has had for this replacement hospital," Mr. Rabner said, predicting that the Atkinson gift's matching stipulation would lead to additional donations: "People have been very generous so far, and we're confident that that generosity will continue."

In the Atkinsons, Mr. Rabner said, "we've got people who have expressed tremendous confidence in our ability to deliver on a promise that they found very compelling."

Originally from Allentown, N.J., David Atkinson retired in 1992 as a general partner with Miller, Anderson, and Sherrerd, a Philadelphia-based money management firm and still maintains an office in the Princeton area. A former vice president at Morgan Stanley, where he started an emerging growth stock service and published a weekly commentary on liquidity trends and their impact on equity prices, Mr. Atkinson had previously been a partner at Franklin Capital Investors, which managed the University of Pennsylvania endowment. Before Franklin, Mr. Atkinson managed a mutual fund for Scudder, Stevens & Clark that invested in emerging growth stocks.

Mr. Atkinson received his

MBA at Penn's Wharton School, with a bachelor's degree from Cornell. He was an officer in the Navy for two years.

The hospital's matching program is available from June 6, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

In early 2007, the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services officially supported the hospital's relocation by granting a Certificate of Need. In January 2008, Plainsboro Township adopted the necessary zoning to permit the hospital's construction. The hospital's site plan is now under review by Plainsboro Township.

—Matthew Hersh

Scholarships Available At Community Foundation

Over \$50,000 in awards are available to local high school students through several Princeton Area Community Foundation Scholarship Funds, including the Mary Elliott Wislar Memorial Scholarship, the Princeton Post No. 76 American Legion Scholarship, the A. Myrtle Henson Teaching Scholarship, and the Louise Maas Allied Health Professions Scholarship.

Full scholarship guidelines

and application forms are available on the Community Foundation's web site at www.pacf.org. The deadline for all scholarships is May 1, 2008.

The Princeton Area Community Foundation promotes philanthropy and builds community across Mercer County and central New Jersey. The Community Foundation provides charitable giving expertise to individuals and corporations, and makes grants to nonprofit organizations. The Community Foundation can be reached at (609) 219-1800 or online at www.pacf.org.

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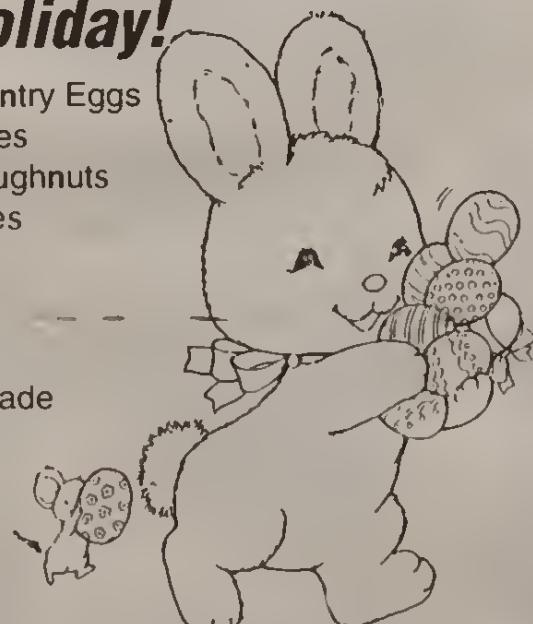
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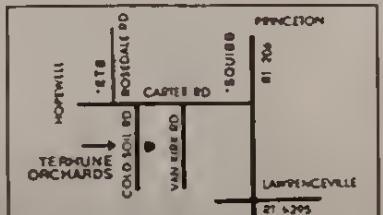
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Developer's Name Is Misleading, But Board OKs What Could Be Boon for Rec Department

The Regional Planning Board of Princeton Thursday heard a plan from a company called Princeton Soccer Fields involving 19.1 acres of wooded property along Mercer Street, near Gallup Road, and while that combination of ingredients appears to have some athletic reference, the outcome will likely result in preserved, undeveloped lands.

The applicant, Princeton Soccer Fields, LLC, received the go ahead from the Planning Board to subdivide the land into two lots, creating one four-acre parcel that could have a house built on it in the future. The remaining 15 acres, however, will be parceled off into an area that is under contract to be sold to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to be permanently preserved as open space.

The area lies in the Township's R-1 residential zoning district, as well as in the Township's Battlefield/Stony Brook Settlement Historic

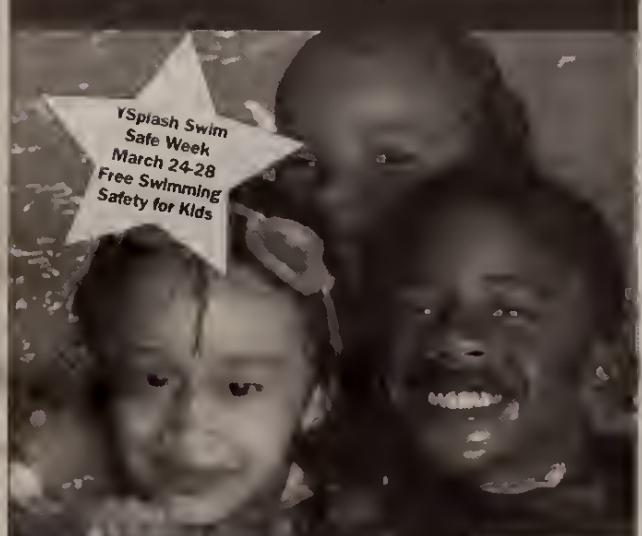
District Buffer Zone.

The Princeton Soccer Association had plans dating back to the mid-1990s to build soccer fields on the site. PSA owns the site and is willing to sell the plot as it works with the Princeton Recreation Department on creating more active recreation spaces throughout the Princeton area, according to PSA attorney Christopher Tarr.

Mr. Tarr mapped out the PSA's migratory history, thanked Princeton University for allowing the organization to use its West Windsor fields, and indicated that PSA would work with the municipal Recreation Department, including turning over sale proceeds to the department, in finding future playing field solutions.

—Matthew Hersh

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that land.

PSA, for a time, had eyed about 30 acres in an area adjacent to the PU playing fields in West Windsor, south of the D&R Canal, "but the regulatory climate got worse and worse, and the regulations got to be so profound that the idea of using that area for playing fields became untenable," said Mr. Tarr, who spoke alongside Catherine Knight and Jonathan Frieder of the Soccer Association.

The Township engineer, Robert Kiser, said in a report that any applicant to build a single-family house on the four-acre parcel would be required to restore any pavement openings during construction using infrared technology. That portion of Mercer Street is currently under a five-year moratorium restriction related to road openings.

—Matthew Hersh

Births

9 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton Health-Care System has reported 9 births the week of February 29, 2008.

Daughters were born to Mi-hoko and Shinsuke Nakagawa, Princeton, February 29; and Tayra Padilla Barbatsuly and George Barbatsuly, Princeton, March 3.

Sons were born to Julie and Harry Litman, Princeton, February 29; Bozena and Goren Blix, Princeton, March 1; Tannwen Mount and James Washburn, Princeton, March 3; Lilian and Gumerindo Zacarias, Princeton, March 4; Angelina Marie Gamblino, Cranbury, March 4; Jyothi Karnati and Saranath Vaddepalli, Lawrenceville, March 4; and Ana Paula Lorenzini and Gian Marino DiGregorio, Princeton, March 6.

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The Princeton Education Foundation will be the sponsoring organization (and potential recipient of donations) for PRS. Heartland CEO Bob Carr said that it is not clear yet whether the name "Princeton Education Foundation" or "Princeton Regional Schools" will appear on the cards, which will be distributed when the fall term begins. Other schools choosing to participate will get cards "branded" with their own name.

Mr. Carr emphasized the fact that using the card for purchases is optional; "a person does not need to register the card," he said. Cardholders may also decide whether or not to receive promotional materials from participating merchants.

Hamilton Jewelers, Main Street Bistro, and the Nassau Inn have officially joined the program, reported Nancy G. Gross, Heartland's executive director of marketing. Incentive for merchants to participate include no-cost advice from marketing specialists and help in designing loyalty programs if they sign on by the end of March. Merchant visibility will be further advanced by the presence of an online merchandising site.

Mr. Carr said that he "respectfully disagrees" with the criticism that the prospective program discriminates against small, and, particularly, minority merchants who cannot afford to participate. "Some merchants can't afford to advertise," he commented. "It's not an issue about our card."

"It's all experimental, all brand new. Tying so many pieces of technology to one card is the beauty of it — but it also creates complexity." Mr. Carr suggested that the library board "wasn't knowledgeable" about all the implications of the card and that it wasn't "worth the trouble" to pursue an arrangement with them, noting however, that "we're still strong supporters of the library." There is no university involvement in the program at this point, although Mr. Carr expressed the hope that it would eventually "tie in all stakeholders, meters, garages, etc." In the meantime, he said, "We have enough traction to move ahead."

—Ellen Gilbert



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Steam the potatoes until tender — roughly 30 minutes. Chop with a knife before mashing. Mash thoroughly to remove all the lumps. Add 1 stick of butter in pieces. Gradually add hot milk, stirring all the time. Season with salt and a few grinds of black pepper.

Boil the cabbage in unsalted water until it turns a darker color. Add 2 tablespoons butter to tenderize it. Cover with lid for 2 minutes. Drain thoroughly before returning it to the pan. Chop into small pieces.

Cook the bacon and drain to remove excess fat and chop into small pieces.

Add cabbage, scallions, and bacon to mashed potatoes, stirring them in gently.

Serve in individual soup plates. Make an indentation on the top by swirling a wooden spoon. Put some butter, if desired, into each indentation. Sprinkle with parsley.



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PSRC Says Government Rebate Recipients Still Need to File Tax Return to Qualify

In an effort to help offset a slowing economy, the Internal Revenue Service is expected to send tax rebate checks to over 130 million households beginning this May and continuing throughout the summer, and the Princeton Senior Resource Center announced this week that a key recipient demographic, fixed-income seniors, needs to be vigilant in order to be assured of a rebate check.

Up to 20 million Americans who rely primarily on Social Security income qualify for a rebate check, but, according to Princeton Senior Resource Center Executive Director Susan Hoskins, those who did not file 2007 tax returns because their income was under the tax limit may run into difficulty securing their rebates.

The non-filing tax limit for individuals over 65 is \$10,050 per year, and \$19,600 for couples over 65 filing jointly.

However, if any party has a valid Social Security number and has a qualified income of at least \$3,000, a tax return must be filed in order to receive the tax rebate, Ms. Hoskins said.

"A number of people in our community have not been filing tax returns because they are under the threshold," Ms. Hoskins said. "Part of our goal is to look out for the most vulnerable seniors, and low income is part of what makes people vulnerable."

According to Ms. Hoskins, qualified income includes earned income, Social Security or Railroad Tier 1 benefits, Veterans Disability or Pension, and Survivor benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

People can file their tax return for this any time through October, Ms. Hoskins said, but the AARP, which is providing tax assistance, will only give aide through April 15. "If people want that assistance, they need to make an appointment," Ms. Hoskins said, adding that individuals making an appointment must bring a proof of Social Security income, either through a December cost of living increase statement, or a 1099 form with the pink section. Ms. Hoskins added

that a direct deposit bank statement is not sufficient because it does not account for a Medicare deduction.

In most cases, Ms. Hoskins said, payments will range between \$300 and \$600, with a \$300 increase for families with dependent children under age 17. Payments max out at \$1,200.

Receiving a payment under the stimulus package does not affect eligibility for needs-based benefits programs, such as food stamps and Medicaid. Moreover, the rebate is not regarded by the IRS as income in the month it is received and is not considered an asset for 60 days after the month it was received.

For more information, and for free tax aid for individuals over 60, call AARP at (888) 227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org. For information on the Princeton Senior Resource Center, call (609) 924-7108, or visit www.princeton seniors.org.

—Matthew Hersh

Firewire

The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to a variety of calls this week, including ones for faulty or malfunctioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at homes and businesses on Ettl Circle, Knoll Drive, Prospect Avenue, and Shirley Court.

On Tuesday, March 4, crews were sent to the Engineering Quadrangle building on Olden Street for smoke in the building.

They searched the building to evacuate occupants, and discovered the source of the smoke to be metal shavings that ignited in a machine. They ventilated the building.

Crews were sent to a Greenbrier Row residence on Thursday, March 6, for a kitchen fire. There was heavy smoke in the residence, caused by an electrical fire in the stove.

On Saturday, March 8, a strong windstorm kept crews hopping from one end of Princeton to the other as they dealt with fallen trees and the electrical wires that

were brought down with them.

There were reports of downed wires on Princeton-Kingston Road, Olden Lane, Linden Lane, and Edwards Place. Trees also brought down wires on Alexander Street and Riverside Drive.

The Princeton Fire Department, which was founded in 1788, is always seeking new members. Call 731-1313 if interested.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 42 calls for service last week.

On Saturday March 1, the Squad responded for a female pedestrian struck by an automobile. As a result of the impact, she reportedly rolled onto the hood of the vehicle before falling to the ground. The Squad secured the patient, who suffered back and wrist injuries, to a spinal immobilization device before transporting her to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treatment.

On Monday March 3, the Squad responded for a man who was struck in the head by a wooden beam that fell off the truck he was preparing to unload. The impact pushed him back into a dumpster, before the beam then struck his leg, knocking him to the ground. The crew immobilized the injuries and transported the patient to UMCP.

Later that day, the Squad responded for another pedestrian hit by an automobile. She reported she struck her head on the hood of the car, which caused a laceration and swelling to her forehead and pain to her head, shoulder and hip. She was immobilized and transported to UMCP.

A few hours later, the Squad responded for an

individual who was found wandering around in a state of confusion. The patient reportedly admitted ingesting an entire bottle of "sleeping aid" pills. The crew administered oxygen and rushed the patient to Capital Health Systems' Fulde Campus for treatment.

On Thursday, March 6, the Squad responded for an injured bicyclist. He had been riding down a hill when the jacket he was carrying got caught in the front wheel, which caused the bike to suddenly stop, causing the rider, who was not wearing a helmet, to flip over the handle bars and strike his head on the road. The patient was dizzy and confused and suffered lacerations and abrasions to his face and wrist. The crew secured him to a spinal immobilization device and transported him to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit www.pfsars.org.

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CHESS CHAMPS: Princeton Day School chess teams captured first place team and individual trophies during the New Jersey State Chess Primary and Elementary Championship held February 24 at Brookdale College in Lincroft. Pictured here (standing, from left): Alexander Kravec, James Weilemeyer, and Douglas Weilemeyer, all of Princeton; (front row, from left): Nicole Chan Hartley of New Hope, Pa., Nick Jain of Princeton, and Gillian Share-Raab of Newtown, Pa. This is the fifth year in a row that PDS captured first place in the K-3 Division. Top scorers were Douglas Weilemeyer and Kylie Russo, who won 13th and 14th overall. Nick Jain also won First Place among third-grade players, with Christopher Deianey winning first place in kindergarten and Gillian Share-Raab earning Second Place in third grade.

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Cell Tower

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adding that the project's bottom line is enhanced police communications. "Cell phone reception is secondary," the mayor said.

Township Committeeman Chad Goerner pointed out that the site of the proposed tower lies on the municipal open space roster, "so that's a concern." Mr. Goerner said the Township needed to further examine other options.

Committeewoman Vicki Bergman agreed: "There's a lot we don't know about the communications in that area."

In other news, Township Committee Monday night introduced a host of road improvement ordinances, in-

cluding the appropriation of \$13,500 for sidewalks along Braeburn Drive and Meadowbrook Drive; a \$3,800 project replacing sidewalks along a portion of Battle Road; and a \$20,100 project that would result in a concrete sidewalk along the portion of Franklin Avenue near the Westminster Choir College. All sidewalk projects would levy a 50 percent cost on affected residents.

A public hearing for the sidewalk projects is slated for Township Committee's regular April 7 meeting.

The Township passed an ordinance by a 4-1 vote amending smoke detector provisions and adding carbon monoxide alarm requirements in the Township. The ordinance stipulates that the Bureau of Fire Prevention inspects all one and

two single-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings for compliance with the Uniform Fire Safety Act smoke detector and carbon monoxide. The application fee for certification: \$60, up from the previous \$35 rate, with incremental increases after 10 days of a unit's occupation cause some concern.

Sandra Persichetti, executive director of Princeton Community Housing, which oversees a significant portion of affordable housing in the Princetons, worried that the fees would be too high for residents living in low- and moderate-income housing. "We're committed to the safety of our residents, but we work on such a tight budget, that if one rental check bounces, we can't pay our bills.

"Our sites are all govern-

ment subsidized, but when you're using next month's rent to pay last month's bills, it's a lot," she said.

Municipal Fire Official Ron Dilapo said that his department was trying to stay in line with state regulations.

"What we're trying to do is protect the residents of the Borough and Township. We're not trying to make a profit on this — we're covering our fees," Mr. Dilapo said.

Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller voted against the measure, saying there were "too many unanswered questions about how to deal with this regarding affordable housing and we shouldn't do this until we have more questions."

—Matthew Hersh

Institute Faculty, Members Win Woolf, Crafoord Prizes

Three members of the Faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study, two former Members and a former Visitor, have been honored with major prizes. Pierre Deligne, Professor Emeritus in the School of Mathematics at the Institute; Phillip A. Griffiths, Professor in the School of Mathematics and former Institute Director (1991-2003); and David B. Mumford, former Member in the School of Mathematics (1962-63, 1981-82) and currently University Professor at Brown University, have been chosen to receive the 2008 Wolf Prize in Mathematics.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that it will present the 2008 Crafoord Prize in Astronomy and Mathematics to Edward Witten, Charles Simonyi Professor in the School of Natural Sciences at the Institute; former joint Member in the School of Natural Sciences and the School of Mathematics Maxim Kontsevich (1992-93) of Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques in France; and former Visitor in the School of Natural Sciences Rashid Sunyaev (2005 and 2006), of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

Peter Goddard, Director

of the Institute, commented, "We are delighted to see the seminal work in mathematics and astrophysics being done by our Faculty, Members, and Visitors receiving further international recognition by the award of these important prizes. The Institute is very proud of the achievements of these mathematicians and physicists, which have had a profound impact on the development of their subjects over recent decades."

The Wolf Prize committee selected Mr. Deligne for his work on mixed Hodge theory, the Weil conjectures, and the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence, and for his contributions to arithmetic. Mr. Griffiths will be honored for his work on variations of Hodge structures, the theory of periods of abelian integrals, and for his contributions to complex differential geometry. Mr. Mumford was chosen for his work on algebraic surfaces, on geometric invariant theory, and for laying the foundations of the modern algebraic theory of moduli of curves and theta functions. The prizes will be presented by the President of Israel in the Chagall Hall of the Knesset in Jerusalem on May 25.

This year's Crafoord Prize rewards mathematical discoveries that are significant for the fundamental laws of nature and research on black holes and the early Universe. Half the prize will be shared by Mr. Witten and Mr. Kontsevich for "their important contributions to mathematics inspired by modern theoretical physics." The other half goes to Mr. Sunyaev for "his decisive contributions to high energy astrophysics and cosmology."

The Crafoord Prize promotes international basic research in disciplines that complement those for which the Nobel Prizes are

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awarded. These include astronomy and mathematics, geosciences, and biosciences (with a particular emphasis on ecology). The Crafoord Prize award will be presented in Stockholm on April 23, in the presence of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf.

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Princeton Borough

Otto Gramajo, 19, and Luis Sanchez, 19, both of Princeton Township were arrested March 4 at 5:35 p.m. at the Princeton Public Library after a report of two males entering the library, kicking over signs, and harassing library staff. The two were taken to police headquarters, charged with obstruction and resisting arrest, and were committed in lieu of posting the \$10,000 bail.

Vladimir Voevodsky, 41, of Princeton Township was arrested March 4 at 10:49 p.m. after he reportedly attempted to walk away from police while an investigation was being conducted on Nassau Street and he was warned not to leave. Mr. Voevodsky was taken to Borough headquarters where he was charged with obstruction and was later released.

Juan Carlos Salazar, 29, of Princeton Borough was arrested March 6 at 5:42 p.m. after he reportedly ran from the scene where an officer was investigating a verbal dispute involving intoxicated people at 206 Witherspoon Street. Mr. Salazar allegedly ran from the officer and hid underneath a car and subsequently became disorderly when confronted by police in the parking lot at 190 Witherspoon Street. He was taken to Borough headquarters and later released.

James Tkacs, 54, of Princeton Township was arrested March 6, at 10:11 p.m. after police responded to a report of a disorderly intoxicated person, later identified as Mr. Tkacs, at the University Medical Center at Princeton at 253 Witherspoon Street.

Mr. Tkacs was subsequently arrested on a New Jersey Wanted Persons warrant from the Mercer County Probation Department. No bail was set and Mr. Tkacs was turned over to the Mercer County Sheriff's Department.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following DWI arrests:

Richard Mahan, 20, of Trenton on February 28 at 1:58 a.m., while driving on Washington Road;

Robin Pineda, 22, of Trenton on March 2 at 1:59 a.m., while driving on Markham Road;

Andrew Nelson, 25, of Lawrence Township on March 2 at 10:46 p.m., while driving on North Tulane Street.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Michael Tucker, 33, of Trenton on February 25 at 1:04 p.m., for a \$290 warrant out of Mansfield Township Municipal Court;

Janinne McClendon, 28, of Trenton on February 25 at 4:59 p.m., for a \$500 warrant out of Hamilton Township Municipal Court;

Jerusalem Howard, 47, of Robbinsville on February 29 at 12:19 p.m., for a \$2,500 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court;

Mark Harley, 48, of Trenton on February 29 at 11:53 p.m., for a \$2,500 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court;

Shelia Twisdale, 48, of Trenton on March 6 at 12:07 a.m., for a \$240 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court.

Princeton Township

Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on February 27 at 12:17 p.m. when Kenneth H. Jackson, 32, of Charlotte Church, Va. struck a traffic signal at

the intersection of Faculty and Alexander roads with his 2004 freightliner.

According to police reports, Mr. Jackson attempted to make a right turn from Alexander Street on to Faculty Road and cut the right turn too tightly. His vehicle struck the traffic signal causing it to break off and land on top of the trailer, though Mr. Jackson drove the truck approximately 50 feet before the traffic light fell off on to Faculty Road. No injuries were reported, though the Mercer County Department of Transportation and PSE&G was called to the scene. Mr. Jackson was charged with careless driving.

On Sunday, March 2 at 5:34 a.m., police received a call reporting that an unidentified male had entered the caller's vehicle parked on Carnahan Place. The suspect, described as a short male, wearing a leather jacket and wool cap, then reportedly fled down Carnahan Place toward Henry Avenue. When patrols arrived on the scene, they discovered that four other vehicles had been entered with about \$400 in merchandise missing. Police were not able to locate the suspect.

John F. Gore, 49, of Princeton Borough was arrested on March 5 on two counts of burglary and theft after police identified him as entering two vehicles parked overnight at the Princeton Shopping Center, and allegedly removing a total of \$350 worth in compact discs, a cell phone ear piece, and car keys. Police said Mr. Gore sold the CDs locally, which led them to his identification. Mr. Gore was also reportedly found to have some of the stolen items in his possession at his residence. Police said a "majority" of the stolen items had been recovered.

The Princeton Township Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Steven A. Meyer, 23, of South Brunswick on February 26 at 7:31 a.m., for a \$350 warrant out of New Brunswick Municipal Court;

John Young, 71, of Princeton Township on March 6 at 2:30 p.m., for a \$583 warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court.

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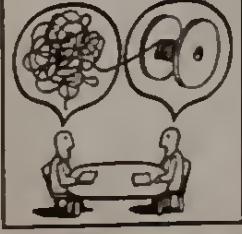
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Play Areas

All three locations provide the same service, including daycare, overnight boarding, and grooming and training by appointment. The Lawrence site offers an especially happy setting for the dogs, who are all ages, sizes, and breeds. In addition to four outdoor yards, there are indoor play areas, and feeding, sleeping, and grooming areas, all of which are kept spotlessly clean.

"We pride ourselves on giving the dogs the best environment and experience," says Ms. Lini. "We are very passionate about our work. We love what we do. Everyone who works here loves animals."

"In addition," she notes, "we are a 24-hour facility. We offer cage-free overnights, and there is always someone here with the dogs all night long. We are the only daycare facility in the area that provides 24-hour service."

When owners consider sending their dogs to All Good Dogs Daycare, they first fill out a questionnaire, reports Ms. Lini. "Then, we'll do a four-hour evaluation of the dog. We want to see how it interacts and mingles with the other dogs, and how the dog acts without its owner. We want to see if the dog will be a good match here, and we always look for signs of aggression. We don't take aggressive dogs."

"Also," she continues, "the animals must be spayed or neutered, with all vaccina-

tions up to date. It is especially important that they have Bordatella for kennel cough."

Four months to 14 or 15 years is the age range, with the upper limit depending on the dog's health. Chihuahuas to Great Danes have been clients, with all sizes and breeds in between, reports Ms. Lini. "We group dogs according to age, size, temperament, and activity level. We put dogs who are a little more mellow together, and we find that the dogs often form friendships with each other. They are usually very well-behaved."

Five Days

Some dogs prefer to stay outside a good part of the day; others enjoy a well-deserved nap inside. "We usually rotate them in and out, so they have the opportunity to play outside and inside," explains Ms. Lini.

Generally, clients bring their dogs' own food, and the staff will also give medications, if needed.

Many dogs come five days a week; others three times or once a week. Prices are \$35 for 12 hours of care, and \$55 for overnights (which also includes day). A special pre-paid club card is available for \$33 per day, and if a dog comes five times a week, the cost is \$25 per day.

Typical overnights are five to seven days, but many dogs often stay longer. Sleeping accommodations are on the second floor, with bunk beds and floor beds available.



CANINE COMPANIONS: "We really feel we provide the best service. There is always someone here with the dogs. This is so important. We offer quality care for the dogs and peace of mind for their owners, who know their pet is in a safe, happy, and supervised environment." Carole Lini (left), owner of All Good Dogs Daycare, is shown with Rocky, a chihuahua-terrier mix. Dog counselor Christine Kramer holds Jake, a Cavalier spaniel-papillon mix.

"If they're here for a longer period, we'll give them some extra TLC," says Ms. Lini. "We are the next best thing to home."

Pictures of the canine clients are featured on the walls of the reception area, and the staff will email photos of their dogs to owners, if the visit is lengthy. Some owners miss their dogs so much, they will even call and ask to speak to the dog, notes Ms. Lini. "One owner called us on 9/11. He was very upset because he was looking for his wife, and now, he just wanted to make sure his dog was safe. Pets are such an important part of the family."

They certainly are to Ms. Lini, who grew up with animals, and as she says, "I was always the kid bringing home the strays. I always knew working with animals

was the only career I wanted. My first job was as a vet tech, and when I was 19, I started Whisker Watchers, a pet-sitting and dog-walking business, which continues to serve the area.

Best Service

"I really love doing the daycare now, and I feel we provide the best service. When I first started, people said, 'You can't have dogs together. There will be problems.' That isn't true. Dogs are pack animals. They like to be together. They need to exercise to get rid of their extra energy. It's important for dogs to be socialized. It's better for the dog, and the younger, the better."

In addition to daycare and overnights, All Good Dogs Daycare offers grooming by appointment, including bath, clipping, ear-cleaning, and nail-trimming. After the bath,

dogs are dried in an open pen by an air dryer.

Obedience and general command training is also available, as is transportation, if clients need their dogs to be picked up and taken home.

Ms. Lini is proud that All Good Dogs Daycare has filled an important need, which continues to increase. "We look forward to providing the very best service we can for every dog. Knowing that we offer such a valuable service and that the dogs love to come here is very rewarding. We work very hard. We have a dedicated, experienced staff who first and foremost love dogs. The right people make it work."

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ePrep, Video-Based Instruction Helps Students Prepare for SAT

Karl Schellscheidt's education background is impressive and extensive. A list of his degrees includes a B.S.E. in civil engineering from Princeton, a masters in education from Seton Hall, and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

He practiced law at Derchert LLP in Princeton until 2002, when he says, "I left to follow my heart and teach. I then got so busy tutoring kids privately that I had to turn some away. That led to the ePrep on-line video-based system."

ePrep helps students prepare for the SAT and PSAT. It can help kids of all ability levels reach their educational goals by offering expert instruction and providing the knowledge and strategies proven to maximize test scores. Using a well-established "test-grade-review" methodology, continued practice, and an on-line video-based format, ePrep makes connecting with an expert affordable and possible anytime and from virtually anywhere in the world.

Mr. Schellscheidt's love of teaching continued to surface throughout his career. He had tutored from the time he graduated from Princeton, and later taught at the Hun School and at Rutgers.

Academic Standard

"I've been tutoring part-time or full-time for 17 years. I like meeting kids and helping them succeed," he explains.

"I've tutored kids from the same family, and there has been lots of great word-of-mouth. When you engage in preparing for an activity like the SAT, you can see improvement in a short time. I really enjoy that."

"The SAT is a good way to separate kids by ability," he continues. "I am one of the people out there in the SAT world who truly believes the college board has set an appropriate and high academic standard for the students. If kids prepare for the SAT properly, they not only can improve their scores, but gain important learning and study skills."

Headquartered at 340 Wall Street, ePrep has gotten off to an impressive start. Mr. Schellscheidt points out that there are four options available. The first is totally electronic in which students purchase the product and receive test booklets and videos in the mail. Students will take the test, register answers on a paper with a pencil, just as will be the case during the actual test. The answers will be graded electronically with commentary by education experts.

The second option is a hybrid program in which the same package is purchased, but with the added component of meeting with Mr. Schellscheidt once a week for private tutoring. He also gives the student a weekly on-line assignment.

A third possibility enables

students, who have purchased the ePrep package, to come into the office, and take the on-line test under Mr. Schellscheidt's supervision.

The fourth option is one-on-one private tutoring with Mr. Schellscheidt. In this case, he notes, "When a student first comes in, I'll give a practice test for 20 to 25 minutes in math, critical reading, or writing. Then, I'll grade the test. We'll review the wrong answers, the ones that were skipped, the right answers, but that were guessed, and also the right ones that took the student too long to complete."

These sessions are two hours, and Mr. Schellscheidt emphasizes the importance of repetition and practice. "The tutoring session consists of practice, grading, and review. The more practice you've had, the better you will do."

More Practice

Some of his new students have never taken the SAT; others have, but need more practice, he notes. "If you get expert help and guidance, you can reach your goal quicker. If the kids work on one or two subjects, I can typically make a difference in five weeks. With more time, I can change thinking and problem-solving, primarily by practice tests and review and by demonstrating how to approach the problem. The program is designed to incorporate practice by doing."

Mr. Schellscheidt's private students from the class of 2007 were accepted in such colleges and universities as Brown, Bucknell, Colgate, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Georgetown, NYU, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania. His private students are primarily from the Princeton and Montgomery area, and online students come from all over the world.

"The Internet has changed things," says Mr. Schellscheidt. "There's so much more access. With our program, students can access on-line expert teachers in offered subject areas. They will get feedback from the computer."

He adds that ePrep's program does a lot more than grade the test. As the student works through the course, ePrep continually analyzes the student's potential, directs his or her efforts, and tracks progress. An electronic "study hall" offers more than 100 subject lessons on math, critical reading, writing, and SAT strategies.

"Most test prep programs teach by telling students how to answer questions," says Mr. Schellscheidt. "ePrep's expert teachers increase learning by showing students how to answer questions."

On the video, he provides demonstrations in various areas, including how to do fractions, solve equations, etc. "I will also add commentary, such as 'If you missed this question, you probably made a careless error. This is an important question type. It's on every test.'"



EXPERT PREP: "We are set apart by our content and method. The program fosters diversity, tailors itself to the student and is very individualized." Karl Schellscheidt is owner and co-founder of ePrep, the video-based test program to help students prepare for the SAT and PSAT tests.

Standard Package

ePrep has initiated pilot programs in six public schools in the U.S., including New Jersey, and has received an enthusiastic response from teachers and students alike.

The standard package offers four full-length SAT practice tests in math, critical reading, and writing for \$399. A premier edition, with eight full-length tests, is \$599. There are 1500 videos in the program, created by Mr. Schellscheidt.

"One of my goals is to help level the playing field," he points out. "I want to get this product to as many disadvantaged kids as possible. I look forward to doing this."

"There is no other company in the world with on-line

video-based courses for test prep," he continues. "We are the first on-line video-based test prep company created by education experts. The main point is that we're doing this in a very novel way. In a way that is cost-effective. In a way that will help kids increase their SAT scores, and prepare for college and beyond. We are distinguished by the way we help kids learn, including content, problem-solving, and thinking skills. These are test-taking strategies that can help not only with the SAT, but in college and later in life."

Mr. Schellscheidt's hours are by appointment. (609) 924-2263. Website: www.ePrep.com.

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 12

4:30 p.m.: Readings by fiction writers Amy Hempel and Jennifer Egan; Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Talking Politics Book Discussion, Carl Bernstein's *A Woman in Charge*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Concert of Sacred Choral Music for Lent presented by LUX collegiate choir of The Episcopal Church at Princeton University; Princeton University Chapel. Free.

8 p.m.: Concert, "A Taste for Things Italian: Handel, London and Italy," with John Burkhalter, recorder, and Nicholas Lockey, harpsichord; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

Thursday, March 13

10:30 a.m.: Contemporary Fiction Discussion, Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: The Ten Torsos; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Sarah Donner acoustic band; Small World College, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: San Francisco Symphony; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

9 p.m.: Jazz pianist Anton Sword; Triumph Brewing Company, 138 Nassau Street.

Friday, March 14

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Pied Piper; Oll-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell, 5 South Greenwood Avenue.

4 p.m. to midnight: First Annual Princeton High School Jazz Festival; PHS Performing Arts Center.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: The Desperate Hours; Heritage Center, Morristown, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre production of *Cormen*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Johnny Guitar, the Musical*; Oll-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Gary Delena and Jim Johnson; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert with folksinger-songwriters Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly; Christ Congregation Church.

9 p.m.: Searching for the Stars, Mercer County Community College, Kerney Hall on the James Kerney Campus, Trenton.

Saturday, March 15

9:30 a.m.: Talk by video producer Seth Mellman on tools needed to create digital video; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Spring Street Ltd. country band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

10 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt, Grover Park picnic area; conducted by the Princeton Knights of Columbus.

2 p.m.: Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band; Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

6:30 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro.

7:30 p.m.: Electro Music chamber Concert; Sarnoff Auditorium.

8 p.m.: The Tritones a cappella trio; Kingston United Methodist Church.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8:30 p.m.: Stone Cold Fever classic rock band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, March 16

3 p.m.: Film, *The Golden Door*; Dorothea's House. Free.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

Monday, March 17

Recycling

7 p.m.: Screening of *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song*; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Second Chance Cinema screening of *Zodiac*; Kresge Auditorium, Princeton University.

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 p.m.: NAMI Mercer meeting on Individualized Education Programs; NAMI Center of Mercer County, Lawrence Commons, 3371 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

Wednesday, March 19

2 p.m.: Princeton Senior Resource Center Science Café talk on "Centuries of Graphic Design in Science" by Dr. Ronald K. Smeltzer; Suzanne Patterson Building.

7 p.m.: Ask A Lawyer; Princeton Public Library.

Thursday, March 20

7 p.m.: Film screening, *Welcome to Nollywood*; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Spring Street Ltd. country band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, March 21

8 p.m.: *Godspell*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Johnny Guitar, the Musical*; Oll-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Bob Golub and Eric Hunter; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

7:30 p.m.: Fred Hersch and his trio, McCarter Theatre Center's Berlin Theatre.

8:30 p.m.: Nick Jaina folk band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Monday, March 24

7:30 p.m.: Second Chance Cinema screening of *After the Wedding*; Kresge Auditorium, Princeton University.

Tuesday, March 25

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble Freelance Concert; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

Wednesday, March 26

4:30 p.m.: Readings by Novelist Claire Messud and poet Edward Hirsch; Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Invite series with Mimi Schwartz and J.C. Todd; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Talk by Dabney C. T. Davis, retired educator, on "Women, Flintlock Muskets, and Tactics in the Revolutionary War"; Mary Jacobs Library, Rocky Hill.

Wednesday, March 19

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission; Room A, Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: "Crossing Borders: An International Jazz Collaboration," with Amaro from The Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, Sweden, and Princeton's Crossing Borders Improvisational Music Ensemble; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

Thursday, March 27

6 p.m.: New Writers' Night with New Jersey authors Bruce Cooke of Plainsboro, Dr. Barbara Ann Ellicott, David Biddle of Pennington, W. L. Hoffman of Belle Mead, Norma La Fleur of Princeton, and Robert A. Miller of Cranbury; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

7 p.m.: *Sesame Street Live*; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Friday at 10:30 a.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Momix; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, March 28

8 p.m.: Jazz Friday Series with Stanley Jordan; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live; All Saints' Church. 8 and 10:30 p.m.: Mike Stankiewicz and John Briggs; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Mar 12 – Wednesday, Mar 19

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Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH);
Harriet Bryan Building (HBB); Henry F Pannell Learning Center (HPLC);
Princeton University (PU); Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM).
Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, March 12:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
10:30 a.m. Novels of Emile Zola; SPB.
10:30 a.m. America: 1750-82; SPB.
11:45 a.m. Memoir Writing; SC.
1:00 p.m. Memory Improvement; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Short Fiction; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
3:00 p.m. FitRhythms; Elm Court.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB.

Thursday, March 13:

10:00 a.m. Adv. Beg. Bridge; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Religion/Politics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Contemporary Poems; SPB.

Friday, March 14:

9:00 a.m. Tax Help; SPB.
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Let's Talk English Too; RC.
10:00 a.m. Faces & Figures in Art; PUAM.
10:30 a.m. Aeneid; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag: Raising Money- smart Grandchildren; SPB.
1:00 p.m. African American Lives- video & talk; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club; SPB.

Monday, March 17:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Beginning English; HBB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:30 p.m. American Lit, ESL; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m. Yoga; HBB.

Tuesday, March 18:

9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
10:00 a.m. Eliot & Bennett; Rec Dept.
10:00 a.m. Writing, Acts; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Great Decisions; BH.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Princeton Reads Book Group; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge; SPB.

Wednesday, March 19:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
10:30 a.m. Novels of Emile Zola; SPB.
10:30 a.m. America: 1750-82; SPB.
11:45 a.m. Memoir Writing; SC.
1:00 p.m. Easter Origami; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.
2:00 p.m. Cosmic Perspectives; SPB.

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Mailbox

Former Mayor Says a Freeholder Koontz Would Keep County Board 'In Balance'

To the Editor:

In finding a replacement for Elizabeth Muoio, who is resigning to become Mercer County's Economic Director, the Board of Freeholders has a wealth of bright, young talent from which to draw.

Most deserving, however — and a wise choice to keep the Board in balance — is Princeton Borough Councilman Andrew Koontz.

Having demonstrated his popularity and skill in continually winning elections, Koontz is well known for his advocacy of tight budgeting, expanding recreational activities, and a community-orientation to local policing.

As chair of the local Democratic Municipal Committee, he has built a strong organizational base to advance a progressive people-oriented agenda. He knows how to tackle redevelopment projects, to untangle traffic congestion, support local retail, and expand parking as well as transit opportunities.

His experience with managing many cost-saving shared services in the Princetons — joint fire, recreation, library, community TV, health, human service, sewer, and planning departments — has won him not only support in the Borough but in surrounding Princeton Township as well.

Andrew Koontz brings not only knowledge and energy, but also a sharp eye that would well serve the Freeholder Board and the interests of all Mercer County taxpayers.

MARVIN R. REED

Cameron Court

Mr. Reed is a former mayor of Princeton Borough

In Acknowledging the Positives of OneCard, Local Merchants Could Save in the Long Term

To the Editor:

There seems to be a lot of misinformation circulating about the recently announced Heartland Payment Systems Community OneCard, and I'd like to share my thoughts on the economics and benefits of accepting and using the card for merchants and the community.

First let me state that this card's role in life appears to be one of a plastic Robin Hood, taking from one to give to another. Presently, credit card issuing banks take a percentage from each purchase. The Heartland Community OneCard takes a percentage as well, however 100 percent is redirected back into the local community.

Heartland is proposing a 1.5 percent card. In my establishment, American Express accounts for about a third of total charges, resulting in my average rate being 2.25 percent. This means that I can expect to save 33 percent on credit transaction fees with OneCard purchases, while knowing that the 1.5 percent that I pay stays here in Princeton.

I recall a recent concern from a merchant that it is unfair that he must pay \$55 per month for a new processing terminal if he doesn't process with Heartland (\$15 if with Heartland). Mathematically, it would take about \$7000 in monthly receipts to generate enough OneCard savings to cover the cost of renting a new terminal. Above this amount the vendor would actually save money. What this particular merchant failed to recognize is that if he only breaks even, \$105 in redistributed fees would still go to the Library (or other designated non-profit). Restated, at \$7,000 or more in OneCard receipts, the equipment is free and a resultant \$105 reward goes to the library!

For an existing Heartland merchant such as myself, I would save \$50 in fees on this same set of receipts, while assisting Robin Hood in giving \$105 to the library. At this rate, if only present Heartland local merchants participated, the library could be the lucky recipient of \$209,000! If widespread merchants join in, and cardholders use the card regularly, the library and other non-profits could be on far better footing.

Yet another merchant suggested that this program is discriminatory to those who do not participate. I agree. I also say to this merchant that advertising is discriminatory against those that do not advertise. Consumers are discriminating in their taste, their desire for quality, and many other factors. Each merchant attempts to attract the

desired set of consumers that match their set of products using "marketing" techniques. Marketing costs money. What other kind of community-wide value vehicle could one expect to get for the same \$55 per month? I suggest that any merchant who chooses not to participate is no different than one who selects to advertise in one form of media versus another.

OneCard holders are empowered. The individual chooses where to shop and what card they wish to use. Two thirds (1%) of the card fees belong to the cardholder. They may choose to direct these funds to the library, any other participating non-profit, or they can keep the cash. If they donate the funds they also enjoys a tax deduction for these amounts.

From the library perspective, I think it is a huge mistake not to embrace such an innovative idea. I understand the "political correctness" of first putting the solution out to bid, but what about first mover advantage? It saddens me to think that this delay on the part of the library may remove it from the keystone position in the minds and wallets of the OneCard carrying population, or worse, allowing an equally deserving organization the opportunity to jump at this unique and prestigious position of "sponsor".

JOHN MARSHALL
Proprietor, Main Street Bistro
Heartland OneCard Charter Member

Retire Threadbare Old Glory With Dignity At This Year's Annual Flag Day Ceremony

To the Editor:

The Spirit of Princeton will conduct the annual flag disposal ceremony a day early this year on Friday, June 13, instead of the actual Flag Day, which actually falls the following day. The event is intended to retire unserviceable flags.

This ceremony creates a particularly dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unserviceable flags. According to Flag Rules and Regulations, "when a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed,

preferably by burning. For the individual citizens, this should be done discreetly so the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest of desecration." If your flag is old, torn, or moth-eaten, let the Spirit of Princeton dispose of it for you.

The flag drop off box is located at Mercer Engine Company #3, 363 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, or, you can bring the flag with you to the June 13 ceremony, which will take place at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex at noon. Everyone is invited to come.

If you have any questions, call (609) 462-2467 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

RAYMOND WADSWORTH
Chairman, Spirit of Princeton
Spruce Street

Eden Family of Services Chairman Thanks Community for A&B Fund-raiser

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Eden Family of Services, I want to thank our generous community who came out to the Alchemist & Barrister on March 4 to help raise over \$800 for children and adults with autism. On hand were "celebrity" bartenders, Dr. Tom McCool, president & CEO of Eden and Peter Dawson, owner of Leigh Photo & Imaging and member of the Eden Board of Trustees. Dr. McCool did a fantastic job of making Irish coffee for the packed bar and Mr. Dawson was spectacular at rousing up the crowd and selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Also, a very special thanks to the musical group New Road who donated their time and creative talents to provide entertainment for the evening; and of course the Alchemist & Barrister for hosting this event. A good time was had by all, and once again, thanks to all who made this evening such a success.

ROBERT H. HUMES
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George and Martha Live: Happy Birthday, Edward Albee

"Art is not pacification. It's disturbance."

—Edward Albee in a 1980 interview

Today is Edward Albee's eightieth birthday, and if he takes the occasion as seriously as he did in 1958, he's probably at work on something. According to the authorized chronology accompanying *Conversations with Edward Albee* (1988), he wrote his first play, *The Zoo Story*, "as a present to himself on his thirtieth birthday." Adopted into a wealthy family two weeks after he was born, he was named for his adoptive grandfather, the owner of vaudeville theatres in the Keith-Albee circuit. While *The Zoo Story* was the first work of his to be produced and gain recognition, he actually wrote his first play when he was 12, which, according to the chronology, would have been around the time he was a student at Lawrenceville School — from which he was expelled. Like Holden Caulfield, he was also expelled from Valley Forge Military Academy. As he tells one interviewer, he "lived" *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Zoo Story was followed by *The Death of Bessie Smith*, *The Sandbox*, and *The American Dream*, all of which dominated the 1960-1962 Off-Broadway scene ahead of his first full-length play, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, which was produced at the Biltmore Rose Theatre on Broadway in October 1962 and ran for 664 performances. All these plays, along with *Tiny Alice* (1964) and Albee's adaptations of two works of fiction (Carson McCullers's *The Ballad of the Sad Cafe* and James Purdy's *Malcolm!*) are included in the first volume of *The Collected Plays of Edward Albee* (Overlook Duckworth), which came out last year in paperback (\$24.95). Three volumes spanning work between 1958 and 2003 have been published so far, and all are available, as is *Conversations with Edward Albee*, at the Princeton Public Library.

Stage vs. Page

Reading the text of plays without seeing them performed is a bit like reading song lyrics without hearing the music. You need the dimension of performance and all the nuances that accomplished or inspired actors can communicate or discover in the playing. Even so, when you read the

brilliantly scary ravings of Jerry in *The Zoo Story* or George and Martha's best shots in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, the words jump off the page. Of course nothing can match the excitement of seeing and hearing what an inspired cast can do with those words, particularly when the actors are Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor in the film version of *Virginia Woolf* (1966). Here you see a real-life couple giving the performances of their movie lives as a couple at war and at play, tooth and nail, no holds barred, and obviously enjoying themselves as they tear into one another.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? broke the bounds of the medium; it was not merely a play, it was a phenomenon, an unprecedented theatrical and cultural event. I can't find the exact phrasing of British critic Kenneth Tynan's response but it was something like "Why is it that excitement like this always comes from America?" He was writing in the context of England in 1962, two years before the excitement called the Beatles landed in New York, spearheading the British invasion that opened up the sunny side of the sixties.

The arts and entertainment world wasn't exactly a wasteland in the years just before *Virginia Woolf* exploded on the scene. You had *Lolita*, *On the Road*, *Catch-22*, the Grove Press edition of *Tropic of Cancer*, recordings by Sonny Rollins and John Coltrane, not to mention the election of John F. Kennedy. But this play about an academic couple at a small New England college (what could be duller to imagine?)

gleefully destroying and putting each other back together again sent off shock waves that reached beyond New York three years before the film was released. How was such a thing possible? You could say it was word of mouth, an appropriate phrase given the word-drunk brilliance of George and Martha in full furious flight — but that isn't enough to explain the way the play reached into every corner of the country. No, there was something else, something tangible: a song-playing original cast album on Columbia of the whole free-for-all, featuring the original actors, Arthur Hill and Uta Hagen as George and Martha, and George Grizzard and Melinda Dillon as their foils and victims, Nick and Honey. Saturday Review critic John Gassner wrote in June 1963 that the record "comes alive as few previously recorded performances of plays have done," and that the dramatic action is delivered "powerfully without recourse to other theatrical elements." Based upon hearing rather than seeing

the play, Gassner's observation that it's "composed of a series musico-dramatic moments" bears out the importance Albee has given to the "equivalent structure in music" to "the form and sound and shape" of his work ("I find that when my plays are going well, they seem to resemble pieces of music"). Albee had classical music in mind, but the furious, slashing George-and-Martha counterpoint could also be compared to a couple of dueling rappers using all the word-weapons in their repertoire.

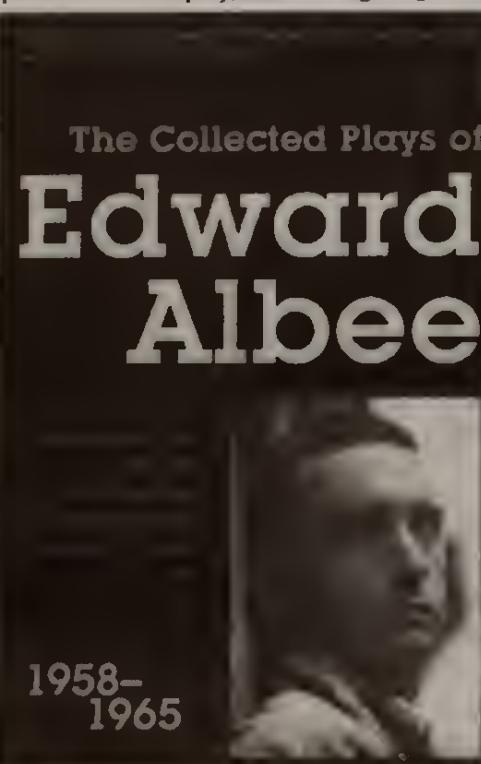
Around the same time the record came

out, the first album by Mike Nichols and Elaine May was in the stores and undoubtedly outselling the more expensive Albee set. But just as people all over the country memorized Nichols and May routines like the one about the adulteress and her lover guiltily and tearfully listing the virtues of the betrayed husband ("He's a saint, he's a saint!" "He's the only living saint I know!"), many of the same listeners were going around quoting George and Martha, especially Martha's opening declaration as she surveys the brilliantly cluttered chaos of their living room: "What a dump!" Taylor gives that "p" the full Bette Davis treatment with great joy. It's even said that Bette Davis and James Mason were mentioned for the lead roles when the film was cast (imagine Bette Davis doing a faculty wife imitating Bette Davis). "Joy" and "fun" aren't words you often hear among the references to "shattering drama" and "dramatic fire," but it's no stretch to match Albee with Nichols and May. If *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* is the best film work Taylor and Burton ever did, it's probably Mike Nichols's best work as a director. It was also his debut. And a decade and a half later he and Elaine May were playing George and Martha in *New Haven*.

Blazing the Way

The movie version of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* had a substantive impact on Hollywood, evidence of which can be found on the documentary about the making of the film that comes with the DVD. According to Jack Valenti, who had just taken over as the president of the Motion Picture Association of America, the movie "drove a stake into the heart of censorship." He also compared it to "a burning arrow" fired "into a haystack." Suddenly audiences were hearing language that had never been heard on the screen before, even back during the relatively unsupervised and uninhibited pre-Hays Office years. It took some determined diplomatic maneuvering to get Edward Albee's trailblazer onto the screen virtually intact. The fact that Hollywood wasn't afraid of *Virginia Woolf* opened the way for the nudity in Antonioni's *Blow-Up* the same year and for everything that has followed, for better or for worse.

—Stuart Mitchner



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Princeton Theological Seminary Announces Microsoft Initiative

Princeton Theological Seminary and Microsoft Corporation have entered into an agreement to digitize a large number of materials in the public domain from the collection of the Seminary library. This initiative will enable the library to contribute religion content to Microsoft's Live Search Books service and thus increase worldwide access to its historic religion collection.

Princeton Seminary President Iain Torrance said, "This seminary exists to serve the church both near and far. Continuity, depth, and access are what make a library great. Microsoft will help us to be accessible as never before. We are really grateful for their partnership."

This initiative is one of the most significant ventures in the Seminary's history. Collaboration with Microsoft and its technologies, which are designed to assist discovery and use, continues the Seminary's investment in enhancing online resources. Microsoft will give the Seminary digital copies of all the materials and allow them to be shared with non-commercial institutions and non-profit organizations, which will enable the Seminary to advance in a concrete way the vision of a theological library for the world, and enable students, researchers, and scholars global access to Princeton Theological Seminary books in the public domain.

One of the Seminary's goals in this project is to bring online some of the treasures in its library collection representing, for example, religious texts from the early history of printing, editions of John Calvin and John Knox, writings of the Puritans, and hymn verses of Isaac Watts.

The digitization is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2008 and will cover the scanning of thousands of books. Microsoft is scanning only out-of-copyright materials, focusing primarily on pre-1923 content. The digitization will be performed by the Internet Archive, which has made open access a core component of its mission.

Participation in the Microsoft Initiative marks a singular milestone on the way to the Seminary's bicentennial in 2012, and the library takes pleasure in working in

this collaboration with Microsoft and the Internet Archive. "Nothing the library has done in the past has the potential to open the richness of our collection to the wider world as much as the Microsoft Initiative," said Stephen D. Crocco, James Lenox Librarian of the Seminary. "We are extremely pleased to be sharing in this collaboration with Microsoft and the Internet Archive."

Princeton Seminary's Vice President for Information Technology Adrian Backus agreed. "With the burgeoning demand of the worldwide church and research communities' need to collaborate on matters of critical interest, this Microsoft/Princeton Seminary large-scale digital initiative will allow our constituencies and publics to access, search, browse, and find pertinent information in pursuit of mutual objectives. We are proud to have the necessary technical and organizational infrastructure to support this partnership," he said.

For more information, contact Donald M. Vorp, Princeton Theological Seminary Library, at don.vorp@ptsem.edu or call (609) 497-7935.

The Hun Review Wins National Award

The Hun Review, The Hun School of Princeton's Literary Magazine, was selected for recommendation for Highest Awards by the National Council of Teachers for English this winter. Out of 439 submissions, the 2007 Hun Review was recognized as an exemplary school literary magazine and was judged to be at the Superior Level.

While some faculty members contribute to the magazine, The Hun Review is written, edited, designed, and produced entirely by students. The School supports the program financially and Mr. Charles O'Brien serves as an advisor to the editorial board. According to Mr. O'Brien, the award is an "indicator of the intellectual prowess of the students." Mr. O'Brien speaks highly of the entire editorial board, especially of the 2006-2007

Editor-in-Chief Bernard Foyuth, who, he says, was able to motivate a group of the School's "greatest young authors" to contribute to last year's magazine.

In his piece, "Respect for Civil and Social Authority: A Dialogue," Bernard Foyuth describes how the staff of The Hun Review functions. In his piece, three famous literary characters (Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn, Miguel Cervantes's Don Quixote, and William Shakespeare's Caliban) are engaged in a debate over respecting authority and determining who has the power to possess it.

Mr. O'Brien insists that his only role in the publication is that of the "magistrate," and it is the students who create the "natural order;" they are the ones who see the program through every stage. The process begins in the winter, as the students begin to gather written material and artwork for the magazine. Selection and editing begins in mid-March and lasts until mid-May. The students meet most days after school to discuss everything from design to format to the contributions they receive and the standards they will use. Only five students, however, choose the 40 of the 150-200 contributions that will be included in the final publication.

The Hun School began producing a literary magazine approximately 40 years ago; after a ten-year lapse from 1985-1995, however, The Hun Review was established and the tradition revived. It has become a source of school pride, conveying the school's commitment to the pursuit of the liberal and fine arts through self-expression. The 2008 Hun Review is scheduled to publish on May 29.

The 2007 Hun Review's Award-winning Staff in addition to Editor-in-Chief Foyuth '08; Assistant Editor in Chief Atif Wasti '07; Visual Arts Editor Jasmin Wilson '07; Literary Editors Alexandra Welm '10, Charles Evans '07, Alyssa Denning '09, Ashley Shpak '09; Literary Staff Alexander Orleans '08, Miles Kvalheim, Mark Dogramji '08; Layout Assistant Andrew Mok '08; Submissions Coordinator Michael Gidding '08.

Princeton Reads Presents Soprano Dawn Padmore

As part of its Princeton Reads program spotlighting Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*, Princeton Public Library will host a special program featuring soprano Dawn Padmore on Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Padmore, a Liberian-born soprano and classical artist, will be accompanied by Christopher Johnson in a program titled "Art Songs of Africa and America" in the first floor Community Room.

Hailed by the New York Times as "a resonant soprano," Padmore has performed in major venues worldwide, including the Kennedy Center in Washington and the Miller Theater in New York. She sang at the inauguration of Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first elected woman head of state of an African nation. In April, she will perform for Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu in Minneapolis as part of the annual National Youth Leadership Council's conference.

At the library, Ms. Padmore will perform works by Aklin Euba (Nigeria), Kwabena Nketia (Ghana), Joshua Uzoigwe (Nigeria), and young composers from South Africa, along with music by American composers including Samuel Barber, and Undine Smith Moore.

Princeton Reads is co-sponsored by the library, Labyrinth Books, the Center for African-American Studies and the Program in African



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Studies, and the Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, all at Princeton University. The community-wide book event culminates with appearance by Chinua Achebe in a discussion with Princeton philosophy professor Kwame Anthony Appiah, on Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

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**Animal Rights Activist Speaks
On Behalf of "Downed Animals"**

The recent recall by the U.S. Department of Agriculture of many tons of tainted beef was clear evidence that all is not right in the world of agribusiness. Animal rights activist Gene Baur could have told you that a long time ago.

Since 1986, Mr. Baur, who spoke at Labyrinth Books Saturday, has run Farm Sanctuary, a place in California that, as its name indicates, provides a safe haven for animals. These animals are not endangered species. They are "downed animals," sick and badly treated, often left on "dead piles" to be slaughtered for meat.

Mr. Baur has documented his first-hand observations of the appalling conditions imposed on animals at factory farms in new book, *Farm Sanctuary: Changing Hearts and Minds About Animals and Food*. Publishers Weekly described the book as "well-argued," and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. called it "a compelling testament to the need to civilize this industry and end its radical practices for producing meat, dairy, and eggs."

Animals as Products

"Like all animals, farm animals deserve to be treated with respect and compassion," Mr. Baur remarked, adding, "That is the antithesis of what is happening. They are treated as commodities." This treatment includes the use of "gestation crates," in which animals are unable to walk around. Mr. Baur described one operation in Minnesota that was actually known as "the pizza pen," where "tired, worn-out sows," were treated like "production units," and eventually "ground up for pepperoni."

Mr. Baur, who is now a

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vegan, had a fairly typical childhood, growing up in Los Angeles in a family that ate meat, milk, and eggs. He even admits to having been in television commercials for McDonald's. Traveling around during his college years exposed him to surprisingly unsavory agricultural practices. Watching the Amish and Mennonites at close hand, for example, he discovered an "attitude not as gentle as I thought."

Indoctrination at School

Animal science classes at Cornell University, where professors warned students about animal rights activists "lurking" among the facilities, proved equally disillusioning to Mr. Baur. He described the "de-sensitization" and "acculturation" of his classmates as they were taught some of the more unappealing practices of the trade, like pulling off pigs' tails to prevent them from chewing on each others' tails in too-close quarters, and cutting "notches" in piglets' ears for identification purposes. When the piglets who underwent such cutting treatment were found dead the next day having bled to death, teachers insisted that something was wrong with the pigs — not the practice, Mr. Baur said.

Farmers see animals as "a leg" or particular cut of meat, said Mr. Baur, rather than as a "feeling animal." At Farm Sanctuary, he noted, "we look at these animals in a different way than agribusiness, and they get to live out their lives." Pointing

out that a sow would quite reasonably be hostile and in attack mode after her piglets were taken away, he disputed what he described as the typical farmer's notion that animals are dangerous and need to be reined in, in ever-tighter cages.

In addition to publicizing the poor treatment of farm animals, Mr. Baur ardently touted vegan practices, citing the far-reaching, nega-

tive consequences of meat-eating. He described how agribusinesses displace small farms, create toxic atmospheres, and actually cause major changes in land use; the Colorado River, for example, no longer reaches the ocean because it has been diverted so many times to support industrial farming. A "vegan world" may be a radical concept, he noted, but "so is quadruple bypass surgery. Killing animals is like killing ourselves."

—Ellen Gilbert



SPEAKING FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS: Animal rights' advocate Gene Baur, recently spoke about his new book, "Farm Sanctuary," at Labyrinth Books.

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Amitav Ghosh is one of the most widely known Indian writers in English today. His books include *The Circle of Reason*, *Shiva's项*, *As Ascent Land During a Century*, *The God of Small Things*, *The Glass Palace*, and most recently *The Winter's Tale*. In *An Antagonist* (and much of the research for which was done through the Princeton University Department of Near Eastern Studies), tells the story of a 19th-century Jewish book trader and the many documents that were discovered among the letters and other documents of the famous Cairo Geniza. Set against some 4,000 years of history, this experience brings among Egyptian presents while reconstructing his doctoral dissertation and a modern narrative. The book, though historical, reads like a novel.

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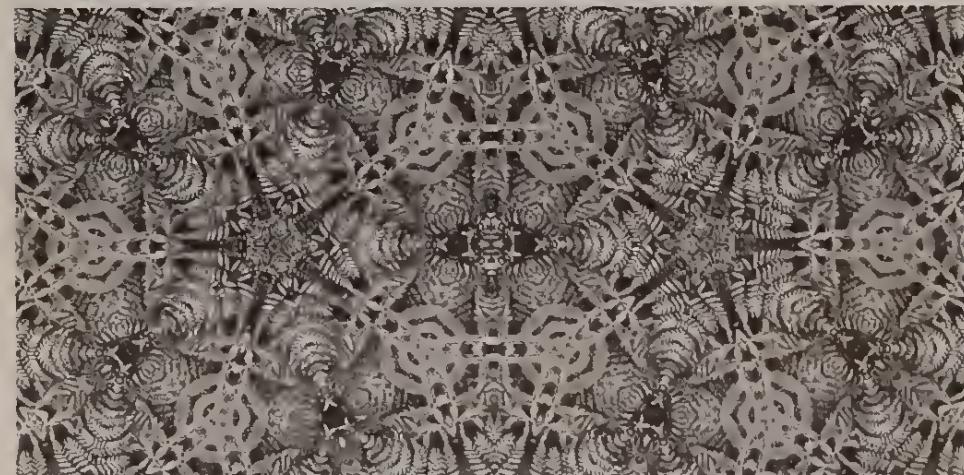
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"WHITE POT": Maia Reim's "visual haiku" is among her photographic works on display in "Remnants" in the Small Gallery at Gallery 14 in Hopewell, from March 16 through April 13.



"FERN": This work by Frank Magalhães is from "Variations on a Theme," which opens March 14 at Gallery 14 in Hopewell. The Small Gallery is presenting "Remnants," photographs by Maia Reim. The opening reception for the public will be on March 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. Meet the Photographers: March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibit runs through April 13.



"PINE BIT #5": Jennifer Cadoff's pen and ink drawing will be on view with the pastels of Doug Sardo in "Line and Light" at the Artists' Gallery in Lambertville through April 6. Hours: Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Or by appointment: call (609) 397-4588.

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"Variations on a Theme"

Opening at Gallery 14

"Variations on a Theme," an exhibit by Frank Magalhães, opens March 14 at Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell. Opening in the Small Gallery is "Remnants," photographs by Maia Reim. The opening reception for the public will be on March 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. The photographers will be there to talk about their work on March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The show runs through April 13.

The Frank Magalhães exhibit explores a concept often used in music, 'variations on a theme.' From images he had in hand when he began the project, the photographer has chosen several themes while selecting one or more variations from each.

Although he has created variations of an original image before, Mr. Magalhães, who has never put together a collection based solely on this idea, said that he was motivated by a desire to demonstrate the many artistic possibilities beyond the initial choice a photographer makes when releasing the shutter on a camera.

He commented, "The point is to show that something new can be created long after I've 'pushed the button' — to take a 'finished' image and 'bend' it to make a new image. My first job is to select a likely image to work with — some lend themselves to variation and some don't. When selecting a theme image, i

also think of the possibilities of what I can do to vary it, keeping in mind the digital tools and methods that are available. The rest is just hours and sometimes days in the digital darkroom."

To give the gallery visitor a sense of the process, each variation is displayed alongside or near its theme giving the viewer an opportunity to work out which parts of the theme are used in the variation, as well as how and where they are used. Some of the images are printed in color, some in monochrome, some are surreal, some geometrical, and some are both. In all of the photographs, the photographer has paid his usual attention to tone, texture and detail to give the viewer what he hopes will be a satisfying visual experience.

In the Small Gallery, "Remnants: Visions of our Rural Past" features a selection of studies by Maia Reim made over the last three years of a farmhouse near her home in Somerset

County. In the summer of 2007, this derelict house was leveled and the site is now a "field of dreams." Each image is a carefully edited, cropped, and arranged visual haiku honed down to "elemental and iconic references." With the camera as her framing and focusing agent, Ms. Reim has used these fading surfaces to make compositional studies, both expository and abstract, that suggest their own enigmas. A graphic designer in the publishing industry who has been the Advertising Art Director at Princeton University Press since 1989, she looks for images that will provoke creative associations, imagination, and emotion. In 2007 she received the Jonathan Krist Memorial award at the Phillips Mill Annual Photography Exhibition.

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African American Art Celebrated at Michener

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is celebrating the African American experience through the work of emerging and established craft artists in "Color: Ten African American Artists." The project, organized by the Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will be on view at the Museum's Doylestown location, March 15 through July 6. The over 30 creations on display are inspired by African folklore, religious symbols, historic clothing, imagination and daydreams, and represent diverse backgrounds and personal histories.

According to Kate Lydon, director of exhibitions at the Society for Contemporary Craft, the exhibit provides audiences with an opportunity to appreciate African American identity reflected through a variety of craft media - clay, fiber, wood, glass and mixed materials. The works in the show, by both emerging and established artists from eight different states in the United States, combine indicators of past and present cultures from Africa and the Americas and offer a contemporary visual language that recounts personal histories.

According to Brian H. Peterson, the Museum's senior curator: "This innovative exhibition not only celebrates African American identity, but pushes the boundaries between craft and such traditional genres as painting and sculpture."

The show features artists from across the United States, including Joyce Scott, who was named Baltimorean of the Year in 2000 and has works in The Baltimore Museum of Art, The National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and The American Craft Museum in New York City; Beverly Buchanan, who creates shacks in her artwork both in the form of oil pastel drawings or three-dimensional sculpture that in her words, "recognizes the power of the shack and the vitality of the people who live in them"; and Nick Cave, whose work appears in collections at The School of the Art Institute in Chicago, the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City, and The Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago; his work references, in his words, "the world, environmental issues, light, energy and the power of one single voice united with others." Other featured artists include Tina Brewer, Robert E. Peppers, Michele Tejuola Turner, Cheryl Riley, Sharif Bey, and June Gaddy. These artists work in a wide range of craft media including clay, glass, metal, wood, and fiber. Their expressions are rooted in traditional processes and history, as well as an exploration of unexpected connections between craft and the more "mainstream" genres of painting, sculpture and conceptual/installation art.

This exhibit is sponsored by Mr. Sinkler Casselle, close friend of Nevada and Marshall Murray, Sr., Mr. Marshall M. Murray and Ms. Layle E. Murray, son and daughter of Nevada and Marshall Murray, Sr., Melissa V. Bond, Esq. and Norman Bing.

The Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, and at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. Doylestown gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon - 5 p.m. Galleries are closed Monday. Admission: members and children under six free; general admission \$6.50, student (with current ID) \$4, senior citizens age 60 and older \$6. Main phone number: (215) 340-9800, or visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

ARTWORKS Presenting "The Raw and The Cooked"

An exhibit of sculptors, all members of the Sculptors Association of New Jersey (SANJ) opens at ARTWORKS on Friday, March 14. There will be a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. featuring ARTWORKS board members, fellow artists, and art lovers. A panel discussion is planned for Sunday, April 6, from 1-4 pm. The panel will consist of 5 members who will talk about their work in relation to the theme, "The Raw and The Cooked". The public is invited to both events.

"The Raw and The Cooked" comes from the title of an anthropological book by Claude Levi-Strauss. New York poet Dennis Corbett said, "raw like an oyster, cooked like a pearl". Contrasting ideas of "raw" and "cooked" provide a way of viewing the unusually wide mix of works created by the SANJ artists.

"This exhibition will surely meet everyone's expectations while providing some visual challenges and 'food for thought' as well," said exhibit curator Janis Purcell.

"Cooked" works might include pedestal pieces realistically modeled in classical style or finely wrought abstractions in metal or stone. Equally demanding would be the "raw" offerings; found object assemblages, plaster or paper like casts and edgy installations.

The Sculptors Association of New Jersey was founded in 1971. Members include professional artists from all parts of the state who are dedicated to promoting excellence in the field of sculpture. Its mission is to broaden the interest and development of sculpture throughout the state.

For more information visit our website at www.artworkstrenton.org, or call 609-672-7455.

Located on Stockton Street, across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps, ARTWORKS offers ongoing exhibits, classes, films and discussion opportunities for arts-oriented adults, teens, children and families. Visit the website at www.artworkstrenton.org.



"SPANISH DANCER": This bronze by Mira Weilowska is on view in the ARTWORKS exhibit, "The Raw and The Cooked," which opens Friday, March 14, with a 5 to 8 p.m. reception. The public is invited to join board members, fellow artists and art lovers. A panel discussion is planned for Sunday, April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.



EXPOSED SNOW PEAS: This photo by Ken Smith marks the return of the sixth annual ArtFirst! International art exhibition and sale, which will open at the University Medical Center at Princeton with a preview party and fundraiser on Saturday, April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will run through May 9. Jurors are artists Tony LaSalle of the LaSalle Gallery and Gordon Haas of the Haas Gallery. Both galleries are in Lambertville.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a joint exhibit featuring pen and ink drawings by Jennifer Cadoff and pastel paintings by Doug Sardo through April 6.

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The Bernstein Gallery is presenting, "Looking at the Sequential Dialectic," several pages from Michael LaRiccia's upcoming graphic novel, *The Death of Block Mane and the Feared Self*. The exhibition runs through April 4. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31.

Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artist of India Transforming Culture—Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton will host "A Matter of Perspective — Our Personal Landscape," through March 21, Mondays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. On Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m., Princeton's Curator of Numismatics, Alan Stahl, will be giving a free tour of the exhibit. For further information, contact astahl@princeton.edu. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College will exhibit "Mercer County Artists 2008" through April 3. This annual exhibit is a collaboration between the college and The Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The Gallery is located in the Communications Building, second floor, on MCCC's West Windsor campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. For additional information and Gallery hours for this exhibit, e-mail galler@mccc.edu or call (609) 570-3589.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Variations on a Theme," an exhibit by Frank Magalhaes that will open March 14. Opening in the Small Gallery is "Remnants," photographs by Maia Reim. The opening reception for the public will be on March 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. Meet the Photographers on March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The show runs through April 13.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "Focus on Sculpture," a juried exhibition of photographs by amateur photographers sharing sculpture as subject matter, through April 27. There are also three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture on view through April 27. Beginning March 15 is the Tots on Tour program where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about

sculpture through interactive activities. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center on the day of the program, which takes place the third Saturday of every month, March through October at 11 a.m. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. Docent led tours are on Saturdays: April 12, May 10, June 14 at 2 p.m. Curator Museum Tours, 300 years of Princeton History, are on Fridays: March 28, April 25, May 30 and June 27—3 p.m.; Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., \$7, \$4 for children 6–12. No reservations. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown will be presenting "Elsie Driggs: The Quick and the Classical" through April 12. Opening on March 15 in the Fred Beans Gallery is "Color: Ten African American Artists," which will run through July 6. "The Holy Experiment: Violet Oakley Mural Studies," featuring 13 original oil on canvas studies for murals in the Governor's Reception Room of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg, will be on view through March 30 in the Pfundt Gallery. An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run from March 15 through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "The Magyar Imagination: Selections from the Salgo Trust Donation of Hungarian Art" through March 30. "Honoré Daumier and La Maison Aubert: Political and Social Satire in Paris" will run through June 1. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton is hosting an exhibit of paintings by Gilda Aronovic in its gallery through March 16.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street is hosting a senior thesis exhibition featuring an installation by Jon Huddeison '08 in the Lucas Gallery March 25–28, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an opening reception on March 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Marihoe Gallery, CAPPS, Peddie School, Ward Avenue in Hightstown is presenting Ryan Rosenberg's paintings and digital graphics from March 28 through April 18. Opening Reception and Gallery Talk: March 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The Mercer County Community College Art Gallery is showing selected artwork from the 2008 juried exhibition through April 3. Gallery Hours are Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call (609) 586-4800 ext. 3589. Applications for this year's Mercer County Teen

Arts Festival, scheduled for May 16, are now available for teens, ages 13 to 19, at <http://www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/teen.html>. The Mercer County Park Commission is also seeking arts professionals who want to share their talents with middle and high school aged students. These professionals will be asked to lead workshops and critique student work and performances. Interested individuals should contact Katie Babick by calling (609)-989-6060.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting Ben Again, a pop culture memorabilia exhibit through March celebrating Ben Franklin in Pop culture.

The NJ State Museum is presenting "Selected Works: Art by African-Americans in the Museum's Collection," in the galleries in the Department of State building at 225 West State Street in Trenton. The exhibit will be on view through March 20.

"Fancy Rockingham Pottery: The Modeller and Ceramics in Nineteenth-Century America," will be in the Auditorium Galleries, 205 West State Street, Trenton, through May 3.

The Present Day Club at 12 Stockton Street in Princeton is exhibiting the works of Annette Adrian Hanna through April 28. For more information, call (609) 452-2525.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting through June 8

"Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove," a focus exhibition centered on a painting by Lautrec that simultaneously pokes fun of and pays homage to the winner of the highest prize at the 1884 Salon, Puvis de Chavannes's *Sacred Grove Dear to the Arts and Muses*. The museum will mark its 125th anniversary with an exhibit of many of its most important works from all areas of the collection in "An Educated Eye: Princeton University Art Museum Collections," which will be on view through June 15.

Riverrun Gallery in Lambertville is presenting an exhibition of paintings by Gretchen Ney Laugier through March 31. The gallery is located at 287 S. Main Street, Route 29. The Laceworks.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon is presenting an exhibit by Princeton native Stephen Zorochin through April 1. Handmade fabric wall hangings by Princeton resident Glynn Chesnut will be on display at the 254 Nassau Street branch of Small World Coffee through April 3. Hours 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park will be hosting an exhibit of works from artists Kristin Lerner and Jules Schaeffer through April 13.



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MUSIC REVIEW**Princeton University Orchestra Warms Night With Program of Early 20th Century Music**

Nothing warms up an audience on a raw and rainy winter evening like the lush chords of Impressionistic music, and the program the Princeton University Orchestra presented on Friday night seemed to do just the trick for the very appreciative audience in Richardson Auditorium. The concert, which was repeated on Saturday night, brought together three programmatic works from the early 20th century which were both a challenge for the ensemble and a pleasure for the audience to hear.

Conductor Michael Pratt opened the concert with a humorous set of pieces by French composer Maurice Ravel. *Mother Goose Suite* demonstrated all the harmonies and tone colors one would expect from a work by Ravel, and Mr. Pratt's languid and relaxed tempi allowed the melodic lines to grow, especially in the winds. In the second movement (all the movements told small stories) the strings demonstrated their ability to play very lightly and subtly against graceful wind solos, particularly from English hornist Brian Gurewitz and piccolo player Sarah Weinstein.

The lightness of the winds enabled the third movement to sound especially "enchanted," aided by a clean pair of horns and the bass clarinet playing of Alison Carey. Ms. Carey shone again in the fourth "story," with a lovely clarinet solo against pizzicato strings. Crescendi in these movements were well constructed, and the dynamic build in the last piece had the effect of the sun rising.

Mr. Pratt's talented ensemble players, reconfigured for Serge Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kije's Suite*, a work not as often performed as the composer's other works, but one which also presented an interesting combination of instrumental colors. Starting off with Brian Nowakowski's off-stage trumpet solo, the work was marked most coloristically by the orchestration of a tenor saxophone, played by James Krendel-Clark. The tenor sax and flute combined were an especially intriguing combination. The second movement "Song" (this set of pieces also tells a story) was led by a very elegant solo by

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The Princeton University Orchestra will present its annual Stuart Mindlin memorial concert on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26 at Richardson Auditorium, featuring Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 9. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Richardson box office at (609) 258-5000.

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Interrupting their 10 month "Truck Stop" tour to come to play in Princeton for the first time, the group continuously challenges and reinvents its concepts of sound and music by exploring the melting pot of American music in their "Truck Stop" series of community-based residencies. Ethel's experimental rock, as well as works by notable contemporary composers. Ethel has appeared on stage with Todd Rundgren and Joe Jackson and is a regular feature on National Public Radio's Performance Today. Members of Ethel have recorded and/or performed with some of today's most compelling artists including Sheryl Crow, Roger Daltrey, Yo Yo Ma and Lenny Kravitz. Their latest CD Light, was a featured recording on Amazon. Com's Best Music of 2006. For more information on Ethel, please go to www.ethelcentral.com.

The minimum contribution for this event is \$125 per person, and seating is limited. If you would like to receive an invitation, please contact the Princeton Symphony Orchestra at (609) 497-0020. This musicale is sponsored by a gift from US Trust/Bank of America Private Wealth Management.

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The focus of the festival is not on competition but on participation in performance seminars, critiquing seminars, master classes, and workshops in art, dance, drama, vocal and instrumental music, film and creative writing.

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Pianist and composer Fred Hersch will appear with his trio at McCarter Theatre Center's Berlind Theatre on Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. The New Jersey based musician has previously appeared at McCarter in 2005.

Critic Steve Futterman of The New Yorker exclaimed that Mr. Hersch's music has "an intensity."

Mr. Hersch has received a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for composition and has been nominated for three Grammy Awards, and in 2006, he became the first pianist ever to play an entire week of solo performances at the Village Vanguard jazz club in New York City.

He has written both chamber music and compositions for solo piano. His most recent work, *Leaves of Grass*, is a large scale setting of Walt Whitman's poetry for two voices and an instrumental octet. The work was released on Palmetto Records in February 2005 and was presented the following month in a sold out performance at Carnegie Hall.

The Fred Hersch Trio's McCarter performance will also feature drummer Nasheet Waits and bassist John Herbert (stepping in for the trio's regular bass player).

Ticket prices are \$44, \$15 for students and may be purchased by contacting McCarter Theatre's ticket office at (609) 258-ARTS (2787) or online at www.mccarter.org.JAZZ AT McCARTER: Fred Hersch will appear with his trio at McCarter Theatre Center's Berlind Theatre on Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets prices are \$44, \$15 for students and are available online at www.mccarter.org or by calling (609) 258-2787.

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Directed by John Maurer of Ewing, *Singin' in the Rain* offers a backstage voice of

up and coming starlet Kathy Seldon, but Ms. Lamont has other ideas. The movie, which starred Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor, won numerous honors including several Academy Awards. In 2006, it was named by the American Film Institute as the number one movie musical of all time.

Dates and show times are



SINGIN: Michael Stephens of Yardley is performing in the stage musical "Singin' in the Rain," presented by Maurer Productions OnStage at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre March 28 through April 6. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$10 for students and children and can be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or calling (609) 570-3333.

Fridays and Saturdays, March 28, 29, April 4 and 5.

Tickets prices are \$16 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$10 for students and children. Free parking is available next to the theater. Tickets may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey Box Office at (609) 570-3333. Kelsey Theatre is wheelchair accessible and provides assisted listening devices upon request. For a complete listing of adult and children's events for the remainder of the 2007-08 season, visit the Kelsey webpage or call the box office for a brochure.

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Titled "A Taste for Things Italian: Handel, London, and Italy", the recital will feature Italian and Italian-influenced sonatas published in London during Handel's lifetime, including some works by Benedetto Marcello and Francesco Maria Veracini.

John Burkhalter, recorder, studied the performance of Early Music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with Daniel Pinkham and Baroque Music at Harvard University with noted Dutch recorder virtuoso, scholar, and conductor Frans Bruggen. In addition to his own ensemble, The Practitioners of Musick, he also performs with Princeton University's Musica Alta. He has composed and prepared music for documentary film, video and audio projects and has lectured on the ancient musical cultures of the Americas.

Nicholas Lockey, harp-



SINGING CAST: Judy Berwick of Lawrenceville, Vicki Czarnik of Hopewell, Ashley Goldstein of Somerset, and Ray Murphy of Hamilton are starring in the stage musical "Singin' in the Rain," presented by Maurer Productions OnStage at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre March 28 through April 6. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$10 for students and children and can be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or calling (609) 570-3333.

sichord, is in the second year of his Ph.D. studies in the musicology program at Princeton University. His studies have also included violin, viola, organ, composition, and conducting, and he has frequently performed as a violist in chamber and orchestral ensembles.

The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information call (609) 258-6842 or e-mail ernestc@princeton.edu.

This Friday, MCCC Hosts "Searching for the Stars"

The community is invited to cheer on aspiring stars as Mercer County Community College hosts the final round of its "Searching for the Stars" talent competition. This fast of three rounds

takes place Friday, March 14, 7 to 9 p.m. in Kerney Hall at Mercer's James Kerney Campus (JKC), North Broad and Academy Streets in downtown Trenton.

The show will feature a group of six to ten finalists, selected from an original roster of 23 contestants who performed February 29. That group was pared down to 15 and further reduced in the second round of competition. The winner will be invited to perform at Amateur Night at Harlem's Apollo Theater in late April or early May. In addition to MCCC faculty, judges for the final performance will include Vanessa Rogers.

MCCC's "Searching for the Stars" was conceived and produced by Jody Person, coordinator of the MCCC

Theatre Program. Open to all Mercer County residents, performers have exhibited diverse talents as singers, dancers, rappers, and musicians. The panel of judges includes MCCC faculty members and staff who specialize in theater and communications. Judging criteria include presentation, substance, originality, and performance execution.

The event involves numerous MCCC students. High tech sound and lighting is supplied by students from the MCCC Entertainment Technology Program under the direction of Assistant Professor Bob Terrano. Television students will tape the finale and conduct interview, with an edited version to be (609) 570-3166.

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**Second GLBT Equality Series
At Princeton Public Library**

Issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual youth and their allies will be in the spotlight at the second annual GLBT Equality Film and Lecture Series, March 15 and 16 at Princeton Public Library.

Topics concerning family, identity, HIV/AIDS, history and race, and ethnicity will be covered in the series which is co-sponsored by the library, the Princeton High School Gay Straight Alliance, Corner House's Project GAIA (Growing Up Accepted in America), the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network Central New Jersey Chapter, and the HiTOPS Teen Health and Education Center.

The series will open Saturday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m. with remarks by Alauna Safarpour, president of the Princeton High School Gay Straight Alliance; Corrine O'Hara, LGBTQ Coordinator of HiTOPS; and Carol Watchler, co-chair, the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network Central New Jersey Chapter.

Saturday's films will kick off at noon with *Saving Face*, Alice Wu's exploration of culture shock as experienced by a Chinese-American lesbian surgeon and her mother living in Manhattan. *Philadelphia*, Jonathan Demme's film starring Tom Hanks about a lawyer with AIDS who files a wrongful death suit when he is fired by his conservative law firm, will be screened at 5 p.m. The Academy Award-winning documentary short *Freeheld*, Cynthia Wade's chronicle of a New Jersey

police lieutenant's landmark legal battle to transfer her pension to her domestic partner, will be shown at 8 p.m.

A 1:30 p.m. Saturday panel will feature students from area high schools discussing how their race and African-American, Mexican, Japanese and Iranian ethnicity relates to being GLBT or an ally. Saturday's 7 p.m. guest speaker is writer Joe Dee, a former reporter for The Times of Trenton, and the author of the award-winning series *Getting It: An AIDS Memoir*, in which he chronicled his struggles as a gay man with the disease.

Sunday's events kick off at 1 p.m. with a screening of *Transamerica*, director Duncan Tucker's story of a pre-operative male-to-female transsexual who learns she has fathered a son. The other Sunday film offering is Rob Epstein's documentary *Paragraph 175*, in which historian Klaus Muller interviews survivors of the Nazi persecution of homosexuals.

At 3:45 p.m., members of Corner House's Project GAIA will perform skits reflecting the social climate for GLBT people and allies in local high schools.

The series will wrap up at 7:30 p.m. with a talk by Rabbi Ellen Greenspan of Temple Micah in Lawrence, who will discuss Reform Judaism and its attitudes and policies toward GLBT people.

All events in the series will be in the first floor Community Room at the library and are free and open to the public.



"*FREEHELD*": Cynthia Wade's Academy Award-winning documentary film chronicling the landmark legal battle by New Jersey police lieutenant Laurel Hester, left, to transfer her pension to her domestic partner, Stacie Andree, right, will be screened March 15 as part of the second annual GLBT Equality Film and Lecture Series at Princeton Public Library.

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CINEMA REVIEW

New Karate Kid Learns to "Never Back Down"

After her husband dies in an automobile accident in which he was drunk and driving the car, Margot Tyler (Leslie Hope) decides to move from Iowa to Orlando, Florida for a fresh start with her two teenage sons. Also, there's the added incentive of enrolling her younger one, Charlie (Wyatt Smith), in a tennis camp catering to promising prodigies.

Unfortunately, Margot failed to take into account the toll the move might take on her elder boy, Jake (Sean Faris), a sensitive youth who has had anger management issues ever since the tragedy. Jake is easily upset about the subject because he was sitting in the passenger seat that fateful night. So, he's hard on himself, always agonizing over why he hadn't intervened and prevented his father from driving the car. Consequently, all it takes is some mean kid to say, "You're dead dad was a drunk," for Jake to fly into a rage.



THE SADDEST WORDS ARE 'IT COULD HAVE BEEN...': Jake, (Sean Faris) is deeply troubled by what he could have done, but didn't do, to prevent the tragic automobile accident in which he was a passenger sitting next to his father who was unfortunately driving while drunk.

Never Back Down

You would expect that in a new location he'd be able to leave all the teasing and painful memories behind. However, in today's age of the internet, a person's past is just a Google search away. So, it isn't long before Jake's story reaches Ryan McCarthy (Cam Gigandet), the ringleader of a gang of ne'er-do-wells at his new school who like to fight for fighting's sake.

At Ryan's urging, his girlfriend, Baja (Amber Heard), feigns a romantic interest in Jake. She invites him to a party knowing full well that Ryan and his gang are planning to beat Jake up. Soon after he arrives, Ryan callously reminds Jake that "Your dead dad was a drunk," and Jake predictably loses his temper, unaware that his opponent has won streetfighting tournaments.

A rescue squad arrives and peels Jake off the floor. The head of the rescue team directs Jake to the Combat Club, a mixed martial arts dojo run by Jean Roqua (Djimon Hounsou), a sensei from Senegal. Jean allows Jake to enroll with the understanding that there will be "No fighting outside of the gym, no matter what" because "people who come here for the wrong reasons never last."

However, Mr. Roqua doesn't know that Jake's ultimate motive is to even the score with Ryan in an upcoming streetfighting tournament. He also plans to steal the heart of Baja who is having second thoughts about allowing herself to be manipulated by her bully of a boyfriend Ryan.

Never Back Down offers few surprises for anyone already familiar with such movies as *The Karate Kid*, *Fight Club*, *Kung Fu*, *Rocky* and other films of the mano-a-mano genre. However, it does add several 21st century elements, such as the use of YouTube, which serves to refresh the familiar formulaic plot.

The film is helped by a powerful performance from two-time Oscar-nominee Djimon Hounsou (Americo and *Blood Diamond*) who elevates what might have been a mediocre movie by imbuing every scene in which he appears with his trademark gravitas. The rest of the cast are at their best during the highly-stylized fight sequences.

Excellent (★★½). Rated PG-13 for mature themes, intense violence, profanity, teen partying, and premarital sexuality. Running time: 112 minutes. Studio: Summit Entertainment.

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The Band's Visit (PG-13 for brief profanity). Cross-cultural comedy about the hijinks which ensue when an Egyptian police orchestra gets lost on its way to a concert in Israel and ends up stranded in a tiny town where everybody learns a touching lesson in tolerance. (In Arabic, Hebrew and English with subtitles)

The Bank Job (R for profanity, sexuality, nudity and violence). Jason Statham stars in this action thriller about a struggling car dealer duped by a fetching femme fatale (Sallron Burrows) with a hidden agenda into hatching a plan to burglarize a London bank's safe deposit boxes containing not only millions in cash and jewelry but a treasure trove of dirty secrets.

College Raad Trip (G). Coming-of-age comedy about a high school student (Raven Symone) whose plans for a girls-only trip visiting prospective colleges are ruined when her overbearing, police chief father (Martin Lawrence) insists on accompanying her instead.

Definitely, Maybe (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, smoking and crank dialogue). Flashback flick revolving around a Manhattanite (Ryan Reynolds) in the midst of a messy divorce who decides to reminisce about the three loves of his life so that his curious 11 year-old daughter (Abigail Breslin) can guess which was her mother. Was she his college sweetheart (Elizabeth Banks), his best friend and confidante (Isla Fisher) or the tough-to-tame free spirit (Rachel Weisz). Cast includes Derek Luke and Liane Balaban.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly (PG-13 for nudity, sexuality and profanity). Bittersweet bio-pic, based on the memoir of the same name by the late Jean-Dominique Bauby (Mathieu Amalric), the once vivacious editor-in-chief of Elle Magazine who suffered a stroke at 43 which left him paralyzed and unable to communicate except by blinking his only functioning eye. (In French and English with subtitles)

Doomsday (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality and graphic violence). Neil Marshall (*The Descent*) wrote and directed this sci-fi thriller about an elite squad of scientists dispatched to a quarantined hot zone in Scotland to find a cure for a lethal virus which has already claimed millions of lives. Cast includes Rhona Mitra, Bob Hoskins and Malcolm McDowell.

Fool's Gold (PG-13 for violence, profanity, sexuality and brief nudity). Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey co-star in this action comedy about a just-divorced couple who rekindle their romance after reuniting to search for a sunken treasure buried aboard a Spanish sailing ship lost at sea in 1715. Supporting cast includes Donald Sutherland, Malcolm-Jamal Warner and Brian Hooks.

Horton Hears a Who (G). Jim Carrey provides the voiceover for the title character in this animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss kiddie classic about an elephant determined to come to the assistance of the inhabitants of a tiny planet when he hears cries for help coming from a speck of dust floating through the air. Voice cast includes Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, Jonah Hill, Jamie Pressly, SNL's Amy Poehler, Isla Fisher, Will Arnett and Seth Rogen.

In Bruges (R for pervasive profanity, graphic violence and drug use). Mob comedy about a couple of hit men (Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson) sent by their boss (Ralph Fiennes) to unwind in Belgium for a couple of weeks after an assignment in London goes horribly wrong.

Jumper (PG-13 for intense violence, brief sexuality and some profanity). Time-travel sci-fi thriller, based on the Steven Gould novel of the same name, about a genetic anomaly (Hayden Christensen) able to teleport himself anywhere who finds himself embroiled in a war that has been raging for eons between "Jumpers" and their sworn enemies, the "Paladins." With Samuel L. Jackson, Jamie Bell, Diane Lane, Tom Hulce and Anna Sophia Robb.

Juno (PG-13 for profanity, premarital sexuality, and mature themes). Coming-of-age dramatic comedy about a pregnant teen (Ellen Page) who divides her time between getting to know the father (Michael Cera) and bonding with the couple (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman) about to adopt her unborn baby. Cast includes Allison Janney, J.K. Simmons, and Rainn Wilson.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13 for sexual innuendo and partial nudity). Frances McDormand stars in the title role of this romantic comedy, adapted from Winifred Watson's 1938 novel of the same name, about an unfairly-fired British nanny who tries a new line of work as the social secretary of an American starlet (Amy Adams).

Never Back Down (PG-13 for mature themes, intense violence, profanity, teen partying and premarital sexuality). Overcoming-the-odds drama, set in Orlando, stars Sean Faris as the hot-headed new kid in town who starts studying mixed martial arts after being beaten up by a bully (Cam Gigandet) for flirting with his girlfriend (Amber Heard) at a party. Karate Kid-inspired adventure features Djimon Hounsou in the Mr. Miyagi role as the lad's mild-mannered mentor.

The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13 for sexuality, violence and mature themes). 16th C. romance drama, based on the historical novel of the same name by Philippa Gregory, revolving around the competition between sisters Mary (Scarlett Johansson) and Anne (Natalie Portman) Boleyn for the affections of England's King Henry VIII (Eric Bana). With Kristin Scott Thomas, Jim Sturgess and Rue McLeanahan.

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The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG for peril, mature themes, frightening images and action violence). Escapist fantasy about twin brothers (Freddie Highmore) who, along with their sister (Sarah Bolger), discover a magical world filled with fairies and scary creatures soon after moving with their mother (Mary-Louise Parker) from New York City to their great, great Uncle Arthur's (David Strathairn) secluded, rundown country estate.

Step Up 2 the Streets (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive material and brief violence). Foot-stomping sequel features Briana Evigan as an orphaned street-dancer who falls in love with a classmate (Robert Hofman) from the other side of the tracks at the prestigious Maryland School for the Arts. With only a cameo by the star of the original, Channing Tatum.

Vantage Point (PG-13 for intense violence, disturbing images and brief profanity). Political potboiler examines an attempted assassination of the President of the United States (William Hurt) from the varying perspectives of eight eyewitnesses. Ensemble cast includes Forest Whitaker, Dennis Quaid, Sigourney Weaver, Zoe Saldana, Matthew Fox, Eduardo Noriega, Richard T. Jones and Bruce McGill.

—Kam Williams

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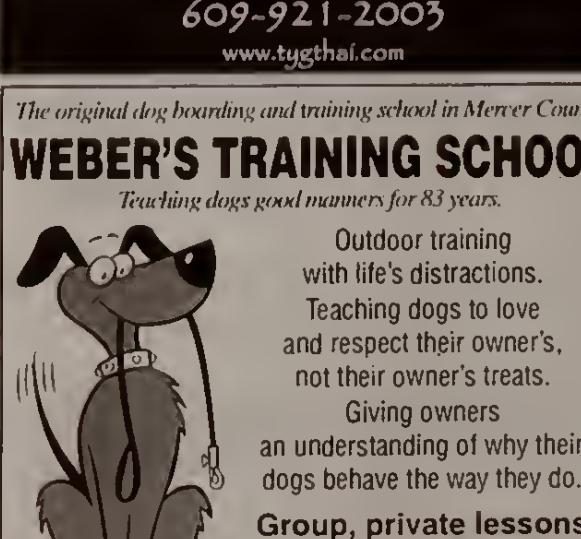
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Sports

PU Men's Hockey Hosting Yale in Playoffs; Aims to Use Balance, Speed to Top Bulldogs

It was a rare sour note in the uplifting winter produced by the Princeton University men's hockey team.

Playing in its last regular season weekend, the Tigers fell 4-3 at Clarkson on February 29 and 3-2 at St. Lawrence the next day.

The setbacks left Princeton with a 17-12 overall record and a 14-8 mark in ECAC Hockey play, good for second place in the league's final standings.

With Princeton hosting seventh-place Yale this weekend in a best-of-three ECAC quarterfinal series, Tiger head coach Guy Gadowsky is hoping that those losses will prove to be a blessing in disguise.

"We got a 2-0 lead in the St. Lawrence game and the players were thinking we have second place wrapped up," said Gadowsky, whose team is slated to play the Bulldogs at Baker Rink on March 14 and 15 with game three on March 16, if necessary.

"They took their pedal off the gas. You can't do that, it was a good lesson to re-learn. It should be a good reminder. We have been playing hard for 60 minutes; that's something we have done well."

Indeed, coming into that final weekend,

Princeton had won 12 of its last 14 games and was poised to knock Clarkson out of first place in the ECAC standings.

The Tigers took a 3-2 lead into the third period of the game with the Knights but couldn't hold on as Clarkson rallied for the win.

In Gadowsky's view, his squad showed its quality against Clarkson even though it fell short.

"That was a good hockey game," said Gadowsky. "It was two good teams playing hard; they just scored one more goal than we did."

With Princeton having last weekend off due to a bye, the goals is to get the team clicking on all cylinders for the showdown with Yale.

"The bye came at a good time for us, we used it to recover from some injuries," said Gadowsky, whose team is currently ranked 16th nationally.

"We haven't had everybody at the practices but the players who have been there have been working hard."

The Tigers will have to work hard if they are to overcome Yale (15-12-4 overall and 9-9-4 in ECAC play), who comes into the weekend on a high, having beaten Rensselaer 3-2 in overtime on both Friday and Saturday to win the ECAC first round series between the schools.

Princeton won all three meetings with Yale during the regular season, topping the Bulldogs 6-2 in a season-opening non-league contest and then posting 4-3 and 4-2 wins in ECAC play.

Despite having swept Yale, Princeton knows it can't take the Bulldogs lightly.

"Their speed is a challenge; they are a very fast team," said Gadowsky of the Bulldogs, who feature up-and-coming stars in sophomores Sean Blackman and Mark Arcobello together with freshmen Broc Little and Denny Kearney.

"They are an excellent team. They showed grit last weekend winning two games in overtime. Their goaltending has been fantastic, they



WILL TO WIN: Princeton University men's hockey junior star Brett Wilson controls the puck in recent action. Wilson, a second-team All-Ivy League performer at forward, figures to be a key performer as second-seeded Princeton hosts No. 7 Yale this weekend in a best-of-three ECAC Hockey quarterfinal series. There are tickets remaining for the March 14 and 15 games and they can be purchased at the ticket office in Jadwin Gym.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

have two goaltenders [Billy Blase and Alec Richards] who can win games."

Princeton, for its part, has the offensive firepower to test any goalie. The Tigers are led by junior Lee Jubinville, the Ivy League Player of the Year, who scored a league-high 37 points on 11 goals and 26 assists.

Jubinville's classmate and linemate, Brett Wilson, earned second-team All-Ivy honors with 31 points on a team-high 13 goals and 18 assists while bruising sophomore Cam MacIntyre chipped in 26 points on nine goals and 17 assists.

While the trio of Jubinville, Wilson, and MacIntyre have piled up some glittering numbers, the Tigers have plenty of balance on offense with 14 players having at least 10 points.

The Tiger defense is anchored by senior captain Mike Moore, a first-team All-Ivy performer at defenseman who chipped in 18 points on five goals and 13 assists. Princeton's corps of defenders also includes freshmen Taylor Fedun, Cam Ritchie, and Matt Godlewski together with sophomores Jody Pederson and Kevin Crane.

Princeton's last line of defense, sophomore goalie Zane Kalember, isn't flashy

but he has proved to be cool in the clutch, having compiled a goals against average of 2.64 in earning second-team All-Ivy honors.

If Princeton is to earn a spot in the ECAC Final Four in Albany, N.Y. from March 21-22, it will have to utilize its balance and speed.

"We need all four lines to play well, we need to be playing a high-speed game," said Gadowsky. "It's ECAC hockey so we will need to get some bounces. There is no way to control that."

Facing an old Ivy archrival in the friendly confines of Baker Rink should help Princeton make its own luck.

"Playing at home doesn't guarantee anything but it is a plus," said Gadowsky, whose team topped Brown last year in the first round of the ECAC playoffs but then fell in the quarterfinals at Dartmouth.

"It's much better to not have to travel. In any sport, when two top Ivy League teams play each other, there is something extra in the air."

And if Princeton can produce the 60-minute efforts that have been its custom this season, they should get a trip to Albany.

—Bill Alden



COOL CUSTOMER: Princeton University men's hockey goalie Zane Kalember sweeps aside a puck in a game this season. Kalember, a second-team All-Ivy League selection who has compiled a 2.64 goals against average, will look to hold the fort this weekend as Princeton hosts Yale this weekend in a best-of-three ECAC Hockey quarterfinal series. The winner of the series between second-seeded Princeton (17-12 overall and 14-8 in ECAC play) and No. 7 Yale (15-12-4 overall and 9-9-4 in ECAC play) will earn a spot in the ECAC Final Four in Albany, N.Y. from March 21-22.

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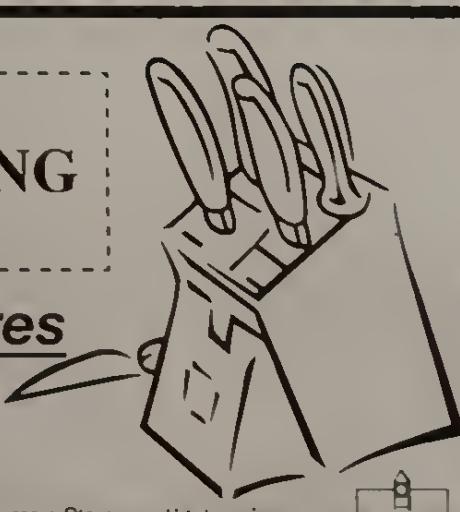
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PU Women's Swimming Does Special Things As Freestyle Star Shiflett Reaches Potential

There was a sense of excitement surrounding the Princeton University women's swimming team as it looked forward to the 2007-08 season.

Feeling that the team had potential to do big things, long-time Princeton head coach Susan Teeter had T-shirts made for her athletes which read "On the Verge of Something Special."

For veteran freestyle star Brett Shiflett, the message on the T-shirts resonated throughout the team.

"That shirt defined our whole experience," said Shiflett. "Our team really wanted to win the Ivy League and a few people had their eye on the NCAAs."

The Tigers have proven to be special and then some this winter. After going undefeated in dual meets, Princeton fed on the support of its home fans as it rolled to the Ivy title two weekends ago at DeNunzio Pool.

In the process, Princeton has risen to No. 18 in the

national rankings and is sending seven swimmers to the upcoming NCAA meet at Ohio State from March 20-22.

Shiflett has done some special things, qualifying for the NCAA 200 and 500 freestyle races as well as the 800 free relay.

Joining Shiflett at the NCAA meet will be classmate Lisa Hamming (400 individual medley), juniors Justina DiFazio (800 free relay) and Monika Friedman (200 butterfly), sophomores Alicia Aemisegger (400 IM, 500 free, and 1,650 free together with 800 free relay), and Courtney Kilkuts (200 IM) and freshman Meredith Monroe (800 free relay).

Coming into the season, Shiflett was determined to produce a memorable final campaign with the program.

"I definitely felt like I hadn't reached my potential," said Shiflett, who swam her qualifying time for the 200 and 500 free races at the Ivy championship meet. "I wanted to go out swimming my best but I didn't have great expectations."

Shiflett exceeded her expectations at the Ivy meet where she won the 100 and 200 free races and placed second in the 500 free.

The Agoura Hills, Calif., native got things off to a rousing start in the opening night of the three-day Ivy competition.

"I was swimming against Alicia in the 500 free and we don't usually swim in the same event and I was also swimming my last race against my classmate Ellen Gray," recalled Shiflett.

"It's my long race and I wanted to do well. I wanted to set a tone for the meet. To get in the NCAA meet in the 500 gave me a lot of confidence for the 200."

A night later, Shiflett put together the 200 of her career as she set a Princeton, DeNunzio, and meet record with her winning time of 1:46.51.

"Coming into college, the 200 free was my main event," said Shiflett. "I struggled a little bit with it as I focused on the 500. It was special to get my best time, a time I didn't think was possible for me."

Shiflett ended things on a high note as she won the 100 free in her final Ivy appearance.

"It was nice for me to see that I could still sprint," said

Shiflett. "It was my last race at DeNunzio and that was very emotional."

"The thing that is unique and special is that we are a family," said Shiflett. "The energy is big; it has not been like that on any high school or club team that I've been on. It feels like everyone on the team is supporting you."

With Shiflett and the seniors having fallen short in the Ivy meet in 2005, the veterans were able to use that painful experience to help keep the younger swimmers focused.

"Going into the season we could bring perspective," explained Shiflett. "The younger classes have always been on top; they don't have that feeling of not winning. We can tell them how awful it is to see someone else with the trophy. We can keep them working hard."

Princeton head coach Teeter has seen a special work ethic in this year's squad.

"I think there was a high level of determination to work harder and swim faster," said Teeter, who is in her 24th year guiding the program and has led the Tigers to eight of the last nine Ivy titles and 13 overall.

"They were always asking what more can we do. Last year we had swimmers who had some brilliant performances but just missed out on the NCAAs. They were saying this year, 'I'm just a couple of 10ths off, I just need to go a little faster.' I think that set up this year."

Shiflett certainly falls into that group of swimmers who broke through this season.

"What she did is really special," asserted Teeter. "Brett is really talented but she came into this year not knowing how good she could be. She is not someone who talks about things; she is just such a racer. She is in events where she has a lot of competition and she knows if she swims with Ali-

cia, she'll be alright."

Perhaps the most emotional moment of the Ivy competition came when Hamming qualified for the NCAA 400 IM.

"She had a six-second drop; that was a phenomenal swim," said Teeter. "She looked great in workouts. She worked so hard to get to that point; I was so happy to see her do that."

Teeter is happy to have sophomore superstar and U.S. Olympic hopeful Aemisegger leading the way for the Princeton contingent at the NCAA meet.

"I want Alicia to have success," said Teeter of the Oakland, Pa., native, who placed second in 400 IM (4:04.80), third in 500 free (4:38.88) and reached consolation finals of 200 breast at 2007 NCAA Championships.

"I want Alicia to have success, she is working so hard. Winning a national championship would give her confidence going into the Olympic trials."

Teeter is confident that the rest of her NCAA swimmers will make the most of the experience.

"I just want to see the rest of them swim fast," said Teeter. "We thought we had a Top 20 team and we worked hard and proved it. I'm really proud of the program and the recognition we have gotten."

Shiflett, for her part, is ready to go full throttle at the NCAA meet. "I'm excited; it's definitely the last meet of my life," said Shiflett. "I want to see if I can ride the high from the Ivy meet."

Whatever happens at the NCAA meet, though, won't change the central aspect of Shiflett's Princeton swimming experience.

"The biggest thing for me is the family aspect of this," said Shiflett. "To see alums back at the Ivy meet was great. I know I will be a part of this forever."

And Shiflett will forever remember her special 2007-08 season.

—Bill Alden



STEPPING UP: Princeton University women's swimming star Brett Shiflett prepares to get in the starting blocks in a race earlier this season. Shiflett won the 100 and 200 freestyle races at the Ivy League Championship meet to help Princeton win the league crown. Shiflett's season is not done as she will be competing in the upcoming NCAA championship meet at Ohio State from March 20-22. Shiflett qualified for the NCAA 200 and 500 freestyle races as well as the 800 free relay.

Courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications

TEETERING ON GREATNESS: Longtime Princeton University women's swimming head coach Susan Teeter encourages one of her swimmers at a recent meet. Teeter, who is in her 24th year at the helm of the program, guided Princeton to victory in the Ivy League championship meet two weekends ago. Teeter has led the Tigers to three straight league crowns and eight in the last nine years. The coach, whose team has risen to No. 18 in the national rankings, will be bringing a program-record seven swimmers to the upcoming NCAA championship meet.

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Tiger Men's Lax Shows Toughness But Falls 12-10 to Powerful Virginia

After absorbing a 14-9 defeat to Johns Hopkins on March 1, the Princeton University men's lacrosse team did a lot of soul searching as they girded for their clash last Saturday with visiting Virginia.

The 11th-ranked Tigers worked overtime last week as they resolved to play with greater intensity offensively and defensively against the No. 3 Cavaliers.

Dealing with a driving rainstorm and a Virginia team packed with superb athletes, Princeton showed a lot more toughness than it did in its loss



FACE-TO-FACE: Princeton University men's lacrosse senior Alex Berg races up the field in recent action. Last Saturday, Berg won 15-of-24 faceoffs but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 12-10 to No. 3 Virginia. The Tigers, now ranked No. 12, host 13th-ranked Hofstra on March 15. (Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

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of its top six defensive players back to give up 12s and 14s, I can't figure that out. We'll keep working on it."

All-American senior goalie Alex Hewit was also puzzled by Princeton's leaky defense.

"We just didn't do our job in that 1:38 and then we buckled down," said Hewit, who had 10 saves on the afternoon.

"I think there was one or two that I should have had. Maybe if I stop them, they don't come back and get another chance. The offense is doing their job; they are putting balls in the goals. I think I have to play better if this defense is going to be a top defense in the country."

Princeton junior midfielder Mark Kovler thought the offense made progress from

the Hopkins loss.

"I think we played with a lot more confidence," said Kovler, who scored a game-high four goals with Bob Schneider adding two and Alex Haynie and Rob Engleke chipping in one apiece.

"The passing was better; I think we played at a high pace on offense. But no matter how much better we played today, it still hurts as much."

Tierney thinks his team will be able to hurt foes with its improving offense.

"I think this team can be a good offensive team," said Tierney.

We scored nine against Hopkins after we had one at halftime. The real positive today is that we played almost 60 minutes and we hadn't done that."

But Princeton needs to

make the most of every minute. "We had that two minute spurt where it went from 4-4 to 6-4," said Tierney. "If we are going to get better, we have to stop giving up those spurts."

Princeton needs to use the experience it gained from battling Virginia if it is going to get better.

"They played a really good lacrosse team with all the advantages in the world," said Tierney, whose team hosts a dangerous No. 13 Hofstra on March 15, a week after the Pride upset Hopkins.

"I don't say we have disadvantages but it's different. If we want to be there at the end, we have to play teams like Hopkins and Virginia. We learned a lot of things about ourselves today."

—Bill Alden

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PRAYER: Feeding Your Soul

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QUESTION: Sometimes I feel like I'm running on empty. It's such a fight to survive in this world of competition and criticism. How can I recharge my batteries?

ANSWER: We often eat 3 meals a day, taking good care of our bodies. Seldom, however, are we as generous when it comes to feeding our souls. Prayer is nothing other than talking with God. It can be formal, but anytime that you reflect on life and talk to your best friend (God) while doing it, even if you are angry with him, you are praying. Here are six very simple suggestions:

1. HUMILITY vs. PRIDE: While being proud of your accomplishments is fine, being caught on a treadmill where you are constantly trying to prove that you are better than others is not. Being humble means seeing your temporal and limited self in relationship to an eternal and omnipotent God. All glory and power are fleeting, and swallowing that fact helps you to achieve what you can without trying to be Superman.

2. JOY vs. ENVY: Why not replace envy for the material with joy in the spiritual. Remember, your Lexus won't fit into the coffin with you, but your soul will.

3. MERCY vs. REVENGE: Instead of trying to exact your pound of flesh from those who hurt you, why not realize that the punishment for being cruel is built right in — the punishment for being selfish is being selfish. If you forgive a person who is genuinely sorry, you are simply giving them another chance. Even if they "blow it", you lose nothing; they lose you!

4. SELF-LOVE vs. SELF-HATRED: Instead of being a pessimistic perfectionist who continually criticizes yourself for not doing enough or doing it poorly, why not be an optimistic realist who celebrates the majesty of who you are, that is, of your being. After all, God did not "goof" on the day that you were created.

5. BE YOURSELF vs. WEAR MASKS: Instead of hiding behind a mask of superiority because of a fear of being inferior, why not risk being yourself. Don't degrade yourself by being the workaholic who brags about how much they do or make, or the snob who points out where they live or what they drive to make others feel jealous. They are running fast after the ghost of self-importance.

6. PRAY VS. PLAY: While relaxation is great, wasting time is not. Instead of countless hours in front of the "boob tube" watching reruns, how about dedicating 5 minutes each evening to pray. You can meditate with deep breathing, read the Bible and contemplate its meaning for you, or simply talk to God in your own words, even when you are angry. You will discover that 5 minutes off will lead to your whole day going on, especially if you make this a daily exercise.

So, you see, you can recharge your batteries by recharging your soul. Freed from the competitive rat race to beat others, you are free to love others and enjoy your life. Of course, you will have goals to attain, but, with your head on straight, you will realize that you are more than the sum of all that you will ever do.

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PU Men's Hoops Falls to Ivy Champ Cornell But Spirited Performance, Class Earns Respect

The Cornell men's basketball team rolled into Princeton's Jadwin Gym last Saturday night with the Ivy League title already in hand and looking to complete a perfect 14-0 conference campaign.

But even though host Princeton brought a 3-9 Ivy mark into the evening, Cornell knew it wouldn't have an easy time clinching a special place in Ivy hoops lore.

"We got an opportunity to watch Princeton last night," said Cornell head coach Steve Donahue, referring to the Tigers' 75-64 win over Columbia last Friday.

"I think that at the end of

their season, they came out and played with such fire. I expected them to play the same way tonight."

The Tigers lived up to Donahue's expectations from the opening tip, taking an 11-10 lead. After the Big Red forged ahead 23-15, Princeton battled back to take a 32-31 lead at halftime.

The teams traded hoops in the early going in the second half and Princeton trailed 51-48 with 8:37 left in regulation. Showing its quality, Cornell got two straight three-pointers from Louis Dale and controlled the game from that point as it held on for a 71-64 win

before a Jadwin crown of 3,172.

The win gave Cornell a 16-game winning streak as it heads into the NCAA tournament as the first team other than Princeton or Penn to represent the Ivy League in the tourney since 1988. The Big Red are also the only Ivy team besides the two Ps to post a 14-0 league record.

Afterward, there was mutual respect in the air as Donahue praised Princeton's effort and character.

"They played with great energy tonight," asserted Donahue, whose team improved to 22-5 overall with the victory. "It's

a classy crew."

Princeton's senior co-captains, Kyle Koncz and Noah Savage, showed the most class as they went to the Cornell locker room after the game to congratulate the Big Red on their achievements.

"You feel that those two kids in particular have been through so much in this program," added Donahue, who is in his eighth year guiding Cornell.

"I know how they feel; I've had kids who have graduated like that. I could see the sadness in their eyes but I feel that was so classy. That's what Sydney [Princeton head coach Sydney Johnson] brings to the program."

Coach Johnson returned the praise as he lauded Cornell for its special season.

"From my heart and with all sincerity, I want to congratulate Coach Donahue and Cornell for winning the Ivy League championship and doing something that's special, going through the league undefeated," said Johnson, whose team moved to 6-22 overall and 3-10 in Ivy play with the loss.

"They have some nice balance; they have some transfers who give them experience. They have some young guys who played minutes and are very talented. They have great coaching; I think Coach Donahue has done a terrific job."

Likewise, Johnson credited his seniors Koncz and Savage with holding Princeton together as he tried different combinations.

"We're getting some guys that can help out Kyle and Noah," said Johnson, whose seniors were slated to play their final game when Princeton hosted Penn on March 11.

"I'm concerned because Kyle and Noah give us so

much, leadership, toughness, and they can obviously put the ball in the basket. We have found a few guys that can complement them. Hopefully those guys who are complementary players right now can carry that momentum into the fall and winter of next season."

While senior star Koncz was proud of Princeton's effort, he acknowledged that the team suffered from some lapses.

"We have guys on the court who are playing tough and caring a lot right now," said Koncz, who had 10 points, eight rebounds, and three assists in the loss.

"We played tough tonight but we didn't concentrate. We lost the shooters too much in the first half. They are a great shooting team, if you give them open shots they are going to knock them down. It's got to be the mixture of toughness and caring and paying attention to the scouting report."

The Strongsville, Ohio native thought it was only right to give Cornell attention for what it has accomplished this winter.

"I think we just congratulated them," said Koncz, referring to his post-game trip to the visitors' locker room with Savage.

"They are a great team and they had a great season so you have to pay your respects to the team and wish them luck in the tournament. As a player, you are frustrated; 14-0 is what you dream of here. That's what you want to do so you have to be a man and step up and congratulate someone who competed hard. They did something that's very hard to do."

Coach Johnson, for his part, knows that the Tigers face a hard road as they look to regain their niche as perennial Ivy title contenders.

"I think we feel good with how we performed with the exception of maybe one league game," said Johnson.

"It's something to build on. I think that we are going to need time. I think we can be competitive in the league. I want it to be sooner rather than later."

—Bill Alden



RISING TO THE OCCASION: Princeton University freshman Kareem Maddox rises up for a dunk late in Princeton's 71-64 loss to Cornell last Saturday. After not getting off the bench in eight of the last 11 games coming into the weekend Maddox took advantage of his chance to see action. On Friday, he scored 14 points in 17 minutes to help Princeton beat Columbia 75-64. On Saturday, he scored a team-high 16 points.

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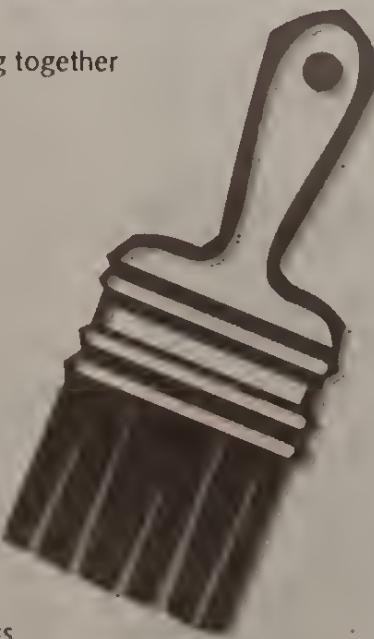
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PU Sports Roundup

PU Men's Swimmers 2nd in EISL Meet

Princeton University junior star Doug Lennox won an Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League (EISL) championship for the second straight year during the final day of the 2008 EISL Championships last Saturday.

Although unbeaten Harvard ran away with the title at its home pool, Princeton held off the rest of the field for a second-place finish.

Harvard won the 2008 title with 1564 team points, while the two-time defending champion Tigers took second with 1208.5 points. Yale held off Columbia by 12.5 points with a final total of 925.

Lennox, the 100 butterfly champion when Princeton won the 2007 team title, won the 200 fly in a Blodgett Pool-record time of 1:44.36.

Princeton junior star Will Schaffer also had a big meet as he took second in both the 200 breaststroke and 200 individual medley and third in the 400 IM.

Princeton Softball 1-2 at UNC Event

Senior mound ace Kristen Schaus struck out 22 batters in 15 innings over two appearances for the Princeton softball team as the Tigers (2-5) won one of three games last weekend at North Carolina's Tar Heel Invitational.

Schaus (1-4) passed the 700-strikeout mark in her career in a 15-strikeout performance against South Carolina-Upstate, but the Spartans scored four eight-inning runs to take Sunday's finale 6-2. She ended the weekend with 708 strikeouts, behind only the 819 strikeouts of former teammate Erin Snyder '06.

Earlier in the day, Princeton picked up a 7-2 win over Lafayette. Michelle Tolfa (1-0) picked up her first career win in the circle with the help of Jamie Lettire, who threw the last two innings to close it out.

On Saturday, Princeton fell 3-0 to James Madison. Schaus struck out seven in her complete-game effort but the Dukes picked up two runs on a fourth-inning home run and added its final run in the fifth on an RBI-single.

In upcoming action, Princeton plays at the Sacramento State Tournament next weekend and then competes in the Stanford tournament.

Princeton Baseball Sweeps Richmond

The Princeton University baseball team continued its hot-hitting start to the season by sweeping Richmond University in a doubleheader last Sunday at Pitt Field in Richmond, Va.

Princeton scored 10 runs in each game, winning the opener 10-2 and the nightcap 10-7. Junior Adrian Turnham had five hits and drove in five runs in the doubleheader.

In Game 1, freshman pitcher Dan Barnes got the win for Princeton. He pitched four innings, allowing one run on four hits, while striking out five. Junior Brad Gemberling made his first appearance of the season after Barnes and allowed one run in three innings of work. He also surrendered four hits and struck out five.

In the nightcap, the Tigers took advantage of eight Richmond errors in a 10-7 win to complete the sweep of the three-game series. Turnham had two hits and three RBIs in the win while Junior Andrew Doupe hit a two-run homer.

The Tigers, now 6-1, play at UNC Greensboro on March 15, 16, and 17 and at North Carolina on March 18 and 19.

PU Athletic Administrator To Head West Coast League

Princeton University Senior Associate Athletic Director Jamie Zaninovich was named last Sunday as the new commissioner of the West Coast Conference.

Zaninovich will replace Michael Gilligan, who announced in September that he will leave his post on May 31 after 24 years of service

in that capacity.

In his five-year tenure at Princeton, Zaninovich oversaw external relations activities for the Princeton athletic department.

Among his most notable accomplishments at Princeton were negotiating a national television agreement with ESPN, the only such agreement in the Ivy League, and a contract with Nike to outfit and supply Princeton's more than 1,000 student-athletes.

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Zaninovich, a native of Eugene, Ore., began his career in athletic administration at his alma mater, Stanford University, playing an integral role in the school's national ascent in men's basketball as a strategist for all aspects of the program.

He spent two years as Senior Assistant Athletic Director for Strategic Planning and Men's Basketball Operations after earning his MBA from the Stanford Business School in 2001.

PU Squash's Sanchez Ivy Player of the Year

After producing a perfect record against Ivy League rivals, Princeton University junior Mauricio Sanchez earned his second consecutive Ivy League Player of the Year honor.

Sanchez led the Tigers to their third straight Ivy League championship and led a cast of seven Princeton players — five men, two women — who earned All-Ivy recognition.

Sanchez, the No. 1 player for Princeton throughout the season, didn't lose a single game in Ivy play and has won one of the two major Ivy League individual honors in each of his three years. Prior to his two consecutive Player of the Year honors, he was named the 2006 Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

The 2008 Ivy League Rookie of the Year went to freshman teammate David Letourneau, who was unbeaten in the league and reached the national individual quarterfinals before fall-

ing to Sanchez. Letourneau was unbeaten in the regular season, including a victory against national champion Trinity, and played No. 3 for Princeton most of the season.

Joining Sanchez and Letourneau on the All-Ivy team were juniors Hesham El Halaby and Kimlee Wong and sophomore David Canner. Wong played No. 2 for Princeton and reached the national individual semifinals before falling to eventual champion Basel Chaudhry. Canner and El Halaby played Nos. 4 and 5 for Princeton most of the season and were perfect in the regular season, including wins at Trinity.

A pair of sophomores were named to the All-Ivy women's team. No. 1 player Amanda Siebert and No. 2 Neha Kumar both represented the 2008 Howe Cup champion Princeton Tigers on the squad.

Siebert, the 2007 Constable Invitational champion, played at the top of the lineup for most of the season. Kumar overcame an injury in the middle of the season to become a big factor in the late Princeton run. In the national team final, Kumar rallied from an early deficit to pull out a momentum-turning 3-0 victory over Penn.

Freshmen Stars Lead PU Wrestling

Princeton University freshmen Tony Comunale and Travis Erdman capped superb debut seasons last weekend at the 2008 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships in Lancaster, Pa.

Comunale pinned fifth-seeded Greg Hart of Bucknell en route to placing sixth while Erdman earned All-Ivy Honorable Mention after coming on strong from the middle of the season.

Comunale, who entered the 125-pound weight class unseeded, opened Saturday's session of the EIWA championships by pinning Hart in 1:52 to guarantee a spot on the medal stand. He nearly guaranteed himself a spot in the NCAA Championships, but he lost a tight consolation match against American's Jason Borschoff by an 8-6 score. In the fifth-place match, Comunale faced third-seeded Brandon Kinney of Columbia and fell by a 16-6 score. Comunale ended the weekend with a pair of victories by pin to gain invaluable EIWA ex-



RED ALERT: Princeton University women's basketball guard Jessica Berry looks for an opening in recent action. Last Saturday, junior star Berry scored 12 points but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 76-59 at Cornell. The loss to the Big Red dropped Princeton to 7-22 overall and 4-9 in Ivy League play. The Tigers were slated to complete their season by playing at Penn on March 11.

(Photo by Bill Allen/US SportArt)

perience heading into his sophomore season.

While Erdman, who was caught in a very strong 174-pound EIWA weight class, didn't reach Saturday's matches, he did become Princeton's first All-Ivy wrestler in three years. He earned All-Ivy honorable mention after coming on strong from the middle of the season.

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GRAHAM CRACKER: Princeton High boys' hockey freshman star Fraser Graham heads up the ice in a game this season. Graham scored 38 points this season and is a key part of the foundation of the program which will look to improve on the 4-17 record it posted this winter.

(Photo by Bill Allen/ALI SportAction)

PHS Boys' Hockey Battled Adversity, Grew Into a More Confident Squad

In early December, the Princeton High boys' hockey team absorbed an 11-1 beating at the hands of powerful Hopewell Valley.

Six weeks later, it was an entirely different scenario when PHS faced HoVal in the first round of the Mercer County Tournament.

In the rematch, the Little Tigers gave the Bulldogs a battle, trailing HoVal just 1-0 heading into the third period. While HoVal, the eventual MCT champions, pulled away to a 4-1 win, the Little Tigers certainly made an impression.

PHS first-year head coach Tim Campbell saw the MCT effort as exemplifying the progress made by his young squad.

"Their coach (former PHS mentor Paul Merrow) came up to me afterward and said that was a 1-0 game if we got some bounces," recalled Campbell.

"We skated with them all over the ice; f could not have been more

proud of our team."

While the Little Tigers ended up with a disappointing 4-17 mark in a transition year for the program, Campbell maintains the record isn't an accurate reflection of the team's growth.

"A lot of stuff doesn't show up with our record," said Campbell. "I told the younger kids that they had to learn how to be good losers before they could appreciate victories. We went through ups and downs but they kept a positive attitude."

Campbell credited senior captain Kyle DeBlois and juniors Jeff Goeke and Billy Ward with helping keep things positive even as the losses piled up.

"Kyle was a great leader by example," said Campbell. "Jeff Goeke stepped up as a junior. Billy Ward also made some key plays."

The leadership shown by veterans helped inspire the team's younger players to improve across the board.

"At our banquet, I went through each and every guy and pointed out the aspects of hockey in which they improved," said Campbell.

A foundation for the program's continued improvement will be this year's group of freshmen which included Fraser Graham, Dean DiTosto, Peter Twinning, Griffin Peck, Michael Irving, and Adam Millar.

"Those six freshmen were really, really great," said Campbell. "We saw a lot of improvement from them. Kids like Dean DiTosto and Fraser Graham are going to be good, solid leaders for us."

As a rookie head coach, Campbell had his own learning curve this winter.

"I loved it, I'm not going to say that there weren't frustrations," said Campbell.

"I have spent 27 of my 30 years in the game and I love it as much as a coach as a player. You see it from a different perspective. You

know what it means to face adversity and it was good to see the kids stay positive and never give up. I learned a lot, not only in terms of managing my team but learning how the league works."

With PHS losing just three seniors, Campbell thinks the team will benefit from the lessons learned this year and emerge as a force in the league.

"They will have so much more confidence," asserted Campbell. "I was trying to tell them this year what they could do as a team; I think they grew together."

—Bill Alden

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PDS Boys' Hoops Produced Turnaround; Earned Respect in Tying for Patriot Crown

It was February 12 and a snowstorm snarled traffic around Princeton.

But inside the Princeton Day School gym, things were at a fever pitch as the PDS

boy's basketball team hosted cross-town rival Princeton High in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament.

The gym was packed to

standing room only as PDS looked to avenge a regular season defeat to PHS.

PDS fought hard, rallying from a double-digit first half deficit to tie the game at 49-49 midway through the fourth quarter. The Panthers, though, fell short as they lost 61-53.

While PDS struggled down the stretch after that loss, dropping its last three games, Panther head coach Paris McLean saw the interest surrounding the MCT game as emblematic of the new feeling around the program.

"It wasn't a rebuilding year because we had been rebuilding for years," said the first-year head coach who guided the team to a 14-14 record, a marked improvement on the 3-18 mark posted in 2006-07.

"It was a turnaround. We wanted to be competitive and get respect and I think we did a lot more than that."

In fact, the Panthers earned a title along with respect as they tied for the Patriot Conference crown.

"If you had told me at the beginning of the season that we would win 14 games and the conference, I would have laughed," said McLean.

Instead, the players were smiling throughout the winter as they took pride in their progress.

"I think the basketball culture has changed," said McLean. "The kids want to play basketball at PDS; they are excited to play basketball here. They could walk around the halls this year and hold their heads high about being a PDS basketball player."

McLean, for his part, was

excited to see his core of seniors end their careers with a title.

"They had won a total of 17 games in their first three years and they won 14 this year," said McLean.

"They led by example; they were leaders in the locker room. They were six really good guys. They all contributed in their own way and brought something to the table."

Martino had a steady influence on the team as he had to do the dirty work inside for the guard-oriented team.

"C.J. held things together," said McLean. "He's 6'3 and 190 and at other schools he's a small forward. Here we said go get 'em big guy. He was so selfless, setting ball screens all game long to help open up our guards. PDS' foundation is a core of guards in junior Joe Rogers, sophomore Kenny Holzhammer, and freshman A.J. Rubin.

Rogers averaged 19.1 points a game to lead the Panthers in scoring while Holzhammer fired in a team-high 75 three-pointers and scored more than 16 points a game.

"I'm pleased with the returners basketball-wise," said McLean, noting that Rogers and Rubin are year-round basketball players while Holzhammer puts in a lot of time on his game over the summer after completing baseball. "We are going to need some of the younger guys to step up as leaders."

McLean enjoyed stepping up as the varsity head coach. "I was a little naïve, I thought I had done the JV thing so I'm ready," said McLean.

"We had 28 games and that's a lot. When I wasn't at games, I was scouting other teams. When I wasn't scouting, I was breaking down film. There is a lot involved. I want to build on what we did this year."

In McLean's view, the team needs to develop a greater consistency if it is going to build on this season's progress.

"Winning, competing, and being in games has to be the norm," said McLean. "We started out 9-0 which was the best record here in 30 years. The kids deserved that but then we lost six games in a row. We were inconsistent; we need to stay focused."

—BILL ALDEN



UPWARD MOBILITY: Princeton Day School senior guard Mike Shimkin drives to the basket in a game this season. Shimkin's solid play off the bench helped PDS finish 14-14 this winter, a marked improvement on the 3-18 mark posted in 2006-07.

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Princeton Elite Union U-17s Head to Dallas, Primed for International Soccer Competition

Over the past year, the Princeton Elite Union Under-17 boys' soccer team has proven itself against some of the best competition on the East Coast.

Last May, the team, then known as Union 90, won the Jersey Cup for the first time in club history. Months later, the team competed in the Region I tournament in Portland, Maine where it advanced to the semifinals of its age group.

This weekend, though, the squad will be testing itself as never before when it competes in the Dallas Cup XXIX youth soccer tournament.

The prestigious competition not only draws teams from all over the country but includes sides from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Central America.

Princeton Elite Union head coach Stoyan Pumpalov, a native of Bulgaria,

has been shooting for the Dallas competition for some time.

"Around three or four years ago, I realized that this is the best youth competition in North America," said Pumpalov, whose team had to make a written application to the tournament in an effort to secure an invitation.

"I have been talking to the boys about it. We knew that we had to be among the best teams in the state to have a chance to get an invitation. We were so happy when we received the invitation."

In preparing for the high-level competition, the team has not been slowed by the winter weather.

"We are outside every weekend at the Princeton High turf field, we are so happy to get to use that field," added Pumpalov.

"We went outside in any weather, regardless of the rain, snow, or cold. The

boys are very committed."

The team, which includes such local high school stars as Antoine Hoppenot of Princeton Day School, James Mooney of the Lawrenceville School, together with Will Slade, Corey Marsh, Chris Bechler, Ari Silver, and Steven Hellstern of Princeton High, honed its skills on March 2 by tying the Baltimore Bays 1-1 and beating the VE Blast 2-1 in Region I Premier League action.

Pumpalov said his players are ready to have a blast as they get exposed to some of the top youth players in the world.

"We are leaving March 15 and the boys are very excited," said Pumpalov, whose team is currently ranked No. 48 nationally in its age group.

"I've been telling them that they will be playing against guys who are going to be future stars of

the game. Harry Kewell, a star with Leeds and now Liverpool [of the English Premier League] played in the tournament in 1997."

There are 32 teams in the U-17 bracket with four teams to a group. The winner of each group will advance to the quarterfinals. Princeton Elite is in a group with Brujas Escazu FC from Costa Rica, FC Barcelona from Pasadena, Calif., and Lonestars Red from Austin, Texas.

While Pumpalov knows his team will face some stiff challenges in Dallas, he is confident in his players' competitive mentality.

"We have never played against these teams; I see that FC Barcelona and Lonestars have played in the tournament before," said Pumpalov. "The boys have always responded to good competition."

And now they will get a chance to see how they stack up against an international field.

—Bill Atten



TEXAS TWO-STEP: Princeton High boys' soccer star Will Slade launches the ball in a game last fall. This weekend, Slade and his teammates on the Princeton Elite Union Under-17 boys' soccer team will be starting play in the Dallas Cup XXIX youth soccer tournament. The prestigious competition not only draws teams from all over the country but includes sides from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Central America.

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Local Sports

Mercer Jr. Rowers Holding Ergathon

The Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) is holding its Sixth Annual Ergathon Fundraiser on March 15 from noon to 3 p.m. at Quaker Bridge Mall.

During the Ergathon, two teams of rowers compete against each other by completing a 50,000 meter relay race on Concept 2 Indoor Rowing Machines (Ergometers). Each individual contributes to his or her team's effort by completing a portion of the 50,000 meters in as short a time as possible.

The club currently has more than 100 high school students from the Central Jersey area and receives no private funding. The general public is invited to attend and sponsor the rowers. The contributions are tax deductible and should be made out to PNRA/MJRC.

Princeton Elite Soccer Holding Spring Camp

The Princeton Elite Soccer Academy (PESA), a newly formed soccer club in Princeton, is holding a spring break camp for boys and girls in the Under-11 to Under-14 age groups.

The camp will take place at the Princeton High School turf field from March 24 to March 28 from 2 to 5 p.m.

PESA's goal is to provide the Princeton community with the opportunity to practice and play soccer at a highly competitive level. With Stoyan Pumpalov as Director of Training and coaching two teams from the academy (U-11 and U-17), PESA aims to help players reach a more advanced level in the game of soccer.

For more information on PESA and to register, call (609) 356-2982.

Princeton Special Sports Holding Baseball Sign-up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS), which provides youth sports programs to special needs children ages 4 through high school, is now registering players for its spring baseball season.

PSS Baseball plays on Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Community Park fields in Princeton from April 13 through June 23. The season fee is \$50. PSS also offers full and partial scholarships. The registration deadline is March 15.

For more information and to download a 2008 Player Registration form, please go to www.princetonspecialsports.com, e-mail pss@patmedia.net, or call Deborah Martin Norcross at (609) 249-5860.

Those interested in being a PSS Buddy, please e-mail pss@patmedia.net or call Ann Diver at (609) 924-0441.

Dillon Youth Basketball Championship Results

In the championship game in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Christopher Sordan led a balanced scoring effort with nine points as the Suns topped the Lakers 30-27. Cal Fullerton had five points for the Suns while Thomas Wood, Sam Smallman and Owen Lindenfelder added four points apiece. Mike Dowers had nine points to lead the

Lakers.

Other members of the champion Suns are Matt Lambert, Larry Bao, Cole Snyder, Juan Carlos Silva, Aaron Lichtbau, and Duncan McGregor.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Nathan File score 14 points and Adam Straus-Goldfarb add 13 as West Virginia topped Pittsburgh 41-34 in the championship game. Arielle Thomas had nine points and Kate Kerr added four in the loss. Emma Rosenthal, Madison Luther and Emma Wingreen added two points apiece in the win.

Other members of the champion West Virginia team are Matthew Donahue, Danny Kang, Harrison Dunne-Polite, Austin Taylor, Richard Payne, Vinny Osoilo, Karsten Marshall-Otto, Will Harrison, and Benjamin Goldstein.

In the title game in the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Woodwinds edged Princeton Amoco 17-15. Ryan Meier scored five points for Woodwinds with Eric Powers adding four. Bruce Robertson scored eight points to lead Princeton Amoco in a losing cause with Jeff Silverstein chipping in five.

Other members of champion Woodwinds team are Eamon Cuddy, Will Kearney, James Sanderson, Colin Davis, Harrison Kauffman, Hugo Meggit, Reid Pittman, and Matt Lesnik.

In the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Mary Sutton scored 13 points to lead Princeton Dental Group to a 17-8 win over Mason, Griffin & Piereson in the championship game. Mia Levy and Olivia Keough had four points apiece in the loss. Claire Kister and Haley Bodden had two points apiece in the win.

Other members of the champion Princeton Dental Group team are Alexandra Patel, Caroline Giles, Caroline Fahey, Cathleen Stan-

ley, Emmaline Nathans, Bonnie Vleuten and Caleigh Swyer.

The 6th-9th grade girls' division saw Susan Farrell score 10 points and Leah Moran added eight as American Sew/Vac topped Franklin & Alison Orchestra, 24-18 in the championship game. Arielle Thomas had nine points and Kate Kerr added four in the loss. Emma Rosenthal, Madison Luther and Emma Wingreen added two points apiece in the win.

Other members of the champion American Sew/Vac team are Emily Lambert, Helen Elsenach, Rachel Gilmore, and Louise Elsenach.

PHS Baseball Team Holding Spring Clinic

The Princeton High School baseball team will wrap up its Ninth Annual Spring Training Youth Baseball Clinic on March 16 in the PHS New Gymnasium.

Boys and girls of all skill levels ages 8 through 14 are encouraged to attend one or more sessions. PHS players and coaches will give instruction in pitching, catching, throwing, fielding, and hitting. There will be ample opportunity for individualized, one-on-one instruction. Morning and afternoon sessions are being offered March 16: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per session for walk-ins and \$25 if pre-registered. To register in advance, call (609) 924-1843 or (609) 683-9636 or visit the team's website www.golittletigersbaseball.com and click on events for clinic information.

The clinics are sponsored by the PHS Baseball Boosters Club and proceeds will support the PHS baseball program.

D&R Canal Watch 5k Set for March 29

The 17th annual D&R Canal Watch 5K Fun Run is being held on March 29 at 10 a.m. in Titusville.

A special 1-mile walk will be held at 9:30 a.m., with commemorative ribbons for all finishers.

With start and finish at the section of Washington Crossing State Park off Route 29 at Route 546, SK runners will loop through Titusville village with views of the Delaware River and return on the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath.

Prizes will be awarded to top male and female finishers and first three male and female winners in six age categories.

T-shirts will be given to all pre-registrants and same-day registrants while supplies last. Free orange juice, water, and bagels will be available at the finish line.

Registration is available online at www.active.com or by downloading mail-in race forms from www.canalwatch.org. For more information, call (609) 924-2683 or (609) 777-9379.

Preregister for the run by March 25 for \$17.00 or on race day for \$20.00. Registration for the 1-mile walk is \$10.00 by March 25 or \$15.00 on race day.

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ENCORE PERFORMANCE: Players who played on the Princeton Day School junior girls' basketball team over the last two winters are all smiles as they celebrated a second consecutive undefeated season. In the front row, from left, are Cammie McNeeley, Ayana Dawkins, Falh Krech, Olivia Kelly, Sydney Gecha, and Sarah Lipkin. In the middle row, from left, are Jasmin Smoots, Katie Gibson, Jess Frieder, Atiya Walcott, and Dominique Jones. In the back row, from left, are Janie Smuckler, Lizzie Frieder, Sarah Godwin, Lea Brown, Allison Frieder, Kendra Clark, and Natalie Bell. The team, coached by Jill Thomas, has posted a 30-0 record over the 2006-2008 seasons.



INDOOR FUN: Members of the Lazerz Under-13 girls' team enjoy the moment after finishing second in their age group at the 2008 North East/Mid Atlantic Futsal Regional Championship in Mansfield, Mass. In the front row, from left, are Brittan Gorden and Kaitlin Carl. In the middle row, from left, are Delaney West, Allie Biglin, and Ashley Shackleford. In the back row, from left, are Elle de Baun, Lauren Ulimann, Klara Robertson, Kaylynn Gose, and Katelyn Walters. Ulimann and de Baun are Princeton residents. The Lazerz U13 girls' team represented New Jersey at the Regional Championship of the sport which is five-a-side version of soccer played indoors on a court. The team's second-place finish qualified it to participate in the United States Futsal Federation National Championship games in Baltimore, Md. this summer.

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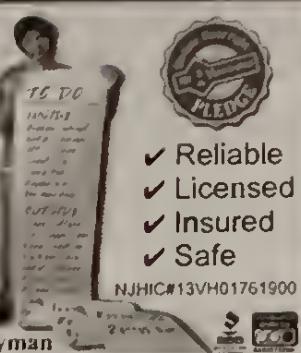
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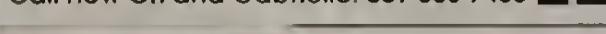
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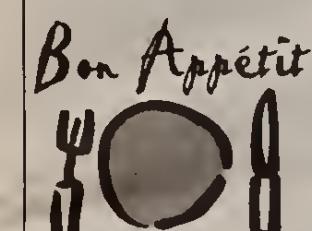
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Obituaries

Mary Gianacaci

Mary Gianacaci, 77, of Manahawkin, died Wednesday, March 5, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Princeton, she was a longtime resident before moving to Manahawkin in 1986. She was a member of St. Paul's Church. An expert seamstress for women's clothing in her early years, she opened Mary G Dress Shop, an exclusive shop in Princeton. She had many clients who came to appreciate her ability to work directly with the New York women's fashion designers to find the one unique dress for each specific customer. She really enjoyed the later years of the shop when she was joined by her daughter Gabrielle. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and family and especially to France to visit with family. After retiring, she enjoyed being at her shore home. Her love for cooking and gardening was well recognized by family and friends and she enjoyed opening her home to others. But most of all, she cherished her time with her husband, children and especially her loving grandchildren.



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Daughter of the late Michael and Caroline Rosso Tamasi, wife of the late Constant "Frenchy" Gianacaci, sister of the late Carmella Hardy, Marion Pollack and Angie Friel, she is survived by a daughter, Gabrielle, and son, John, and four grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers Tony Tamasi, Angelo Tamasi, James Tamasi, and three sisters, Ida Ferrara, Helen Olson, and Carol Harris.

The funeral arrangements were made by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton. Burial followed in Brainerd Cemetery, Cranbury. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Paul's Church.

Donald A. Peterson

Donald A. Peterson, 79, of Princeton, died Sunday, March 9, in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, he has resided in Princeton for the last 30 years. He retired after many years of service with Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis Missouri. A regular at Lambertville Flea Market, he was a lover and collector of antiques and a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served as a medic.

Son of the late Conrad and Christiana Peterson, he is survived by his wife Barbara J. Peterson of Princeton; his sons, David of Pennington, James of Princeton, and William of Ivoryton, Connecticut; his brother David of Decatur, Illinois; his sister Ruth Graydon of Lakewood, Ohio, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Titusville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, 48 River Drive, Titusville, N.J. 08560.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home Princeton.

Religion



Joyce MacKichan Walker

Princeton Resident Joyce MacKichan Walker was recently named Educator of the Year by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. The award was presented at the association's annual banquet with more than one thousand educators from the United States and Canada in attendance.

Ms. Walker is the Director of Christian education and Minister of Education at Nassau Presbyterian Church. She has brought scholars, teachers, composers, and artists to a variety

of events at the church. She teaches certification courses for the Presbyterian Church, and is a 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

Holy Wednesday, March 19: 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Walk the Labyrinth; Maundy Thursday, March 20: 8 p.m. Holy Communion, Foot Washing, The Watch; Good Friday, March 21: noon: Stations of the Cross, 8 p.m. Singing of the Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Saturday, March 22: 8 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil with Service of Light, followed

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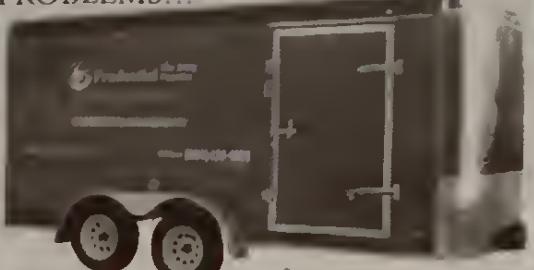
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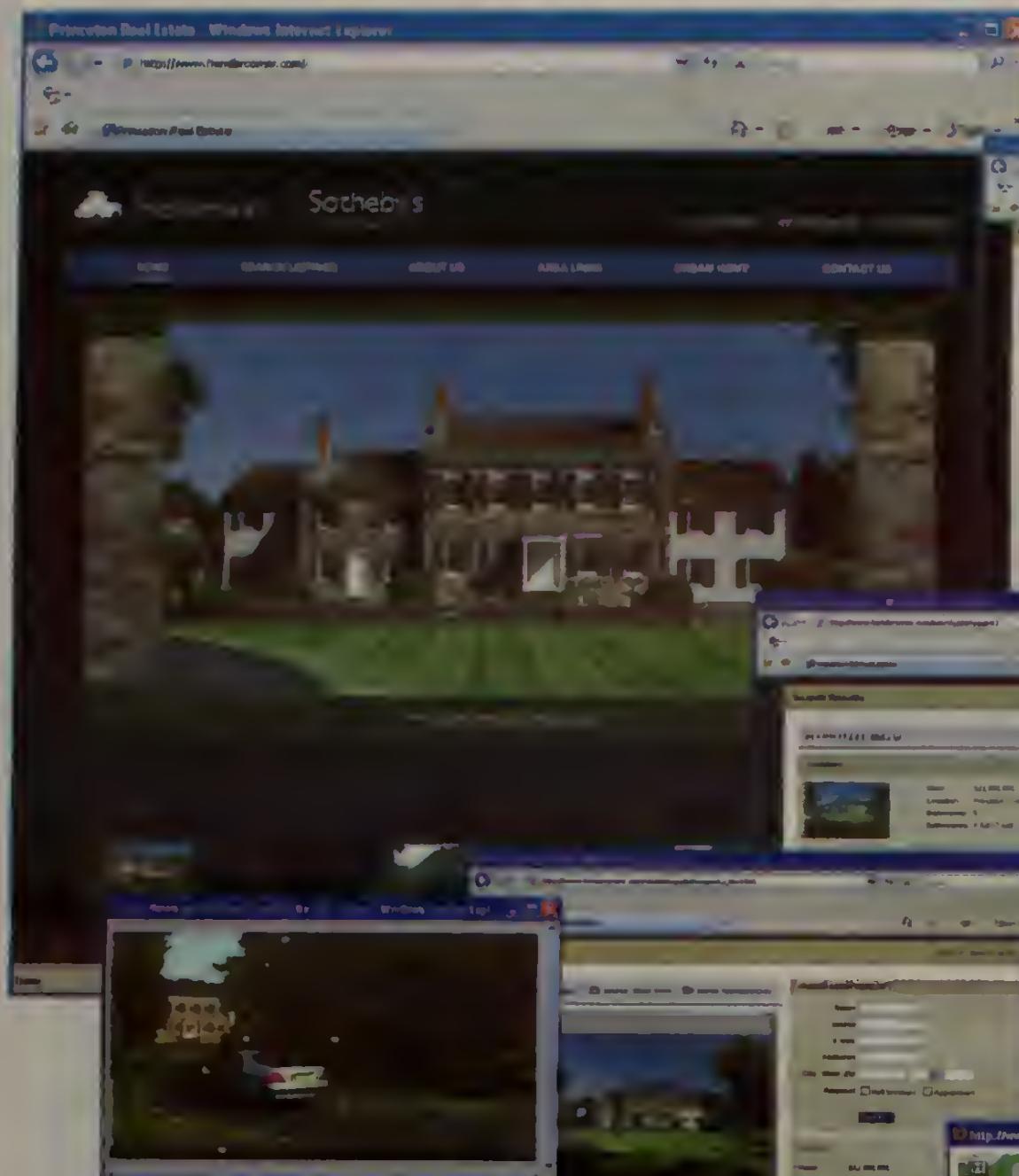
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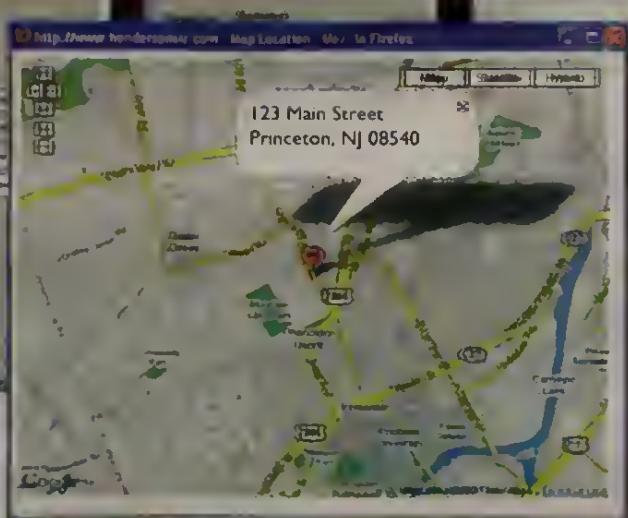
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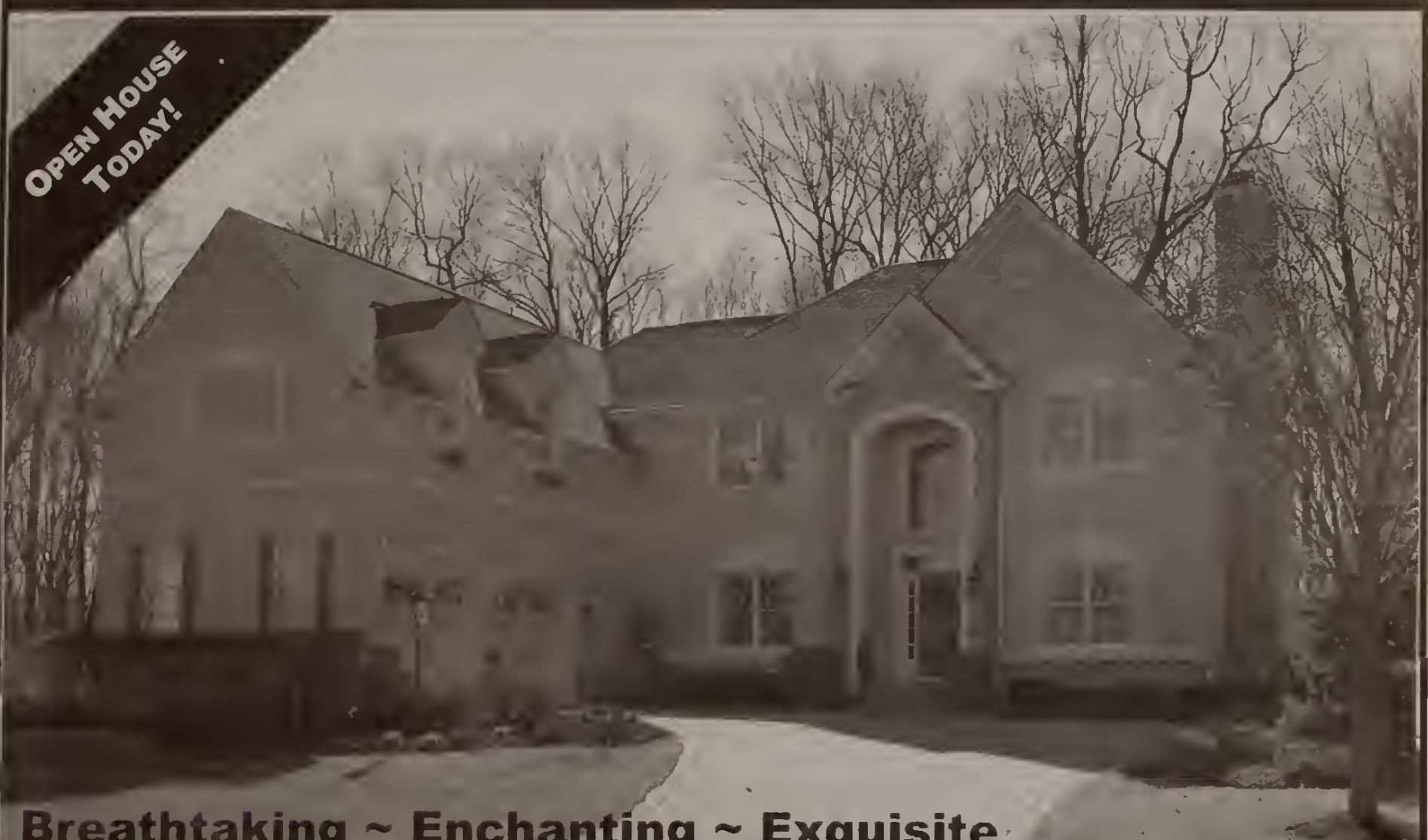
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THE GOOD NEWS

In an article in this month's Atlantic, Christopher B. Leinberger suggests that suburbs that are "affluent and relatively close to central cities — especially those along rail lines — are likely to remain in high demand. Some, especially those that offer a thriving, walkable urban core, may find that even the large-lot, residential-only neighborhoods around that core increase in value."

Sounds a lot like Princeton. At a time when real estate news is largely grim, Princeton and its neighboring communities fit the profiles of areas that are, to an extent, escaping the vicissitudes of the current mortgage crisis.

Real Estate is Local

NPR's Terry Gross put the proverbial \$64-thousand-dollar question ("Is this a good time to buy a house?") to Pulitzer Prize-winning financial reporter Gretchen Morgenson in a recent interview. Although she had reservations about "buying a house whose price will fall," Ms. Morgenson acknowledged the "regional disparities" in the housing scene. Stressing the "need to understand the local market," she echoed the sentiments of many of Princeton realtors, who variously refer to this area as "the hole in the donut that everyone wants," and "the Caribbean."

Caring Agents

One of the most reassuring aspects of Princeton's durability is the consensus that the real estate agents serving this area are unusually savvy, and truly dedicated to their clients. Buyers and sellers tout local agents' knowledge of the market, their helpfulness in preparing homes for sale, and their acuity in pricing a

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It would be naive, of course, to completely deny that these are challenging times for Princeton real estate. Princeton area PNC mortgage officer Teri Volini reported that over 50 percent of the requests for house appraisals she has recently submitted come in 10 to 30 per cent lower than homeowners anticipated. "Cash out" refinancing is suffering too, as using the equity in one's home for loans to finance home improvements or a college education is no longer the sure thing it once was. Ms. Volini uses the phrase "putting skin in the game" to describe her belief that individuals have to inject some of their own money into whatever transactions they wish to undertake right now.

How About a New Kitchen?

Renovating an existing home may be a good route right now for families who want to enhance the value of their current home. With less new construction going on, builders, contractors, and materials are more available. Town Topics' "Home Improvement Directory" shows a wide array of painters (interior and exterior), hardwood floor specialists, bathroom renovators, landscapers, cabinet designers, and more, with some offering seasonal discounts. For an expanded look at renovating options and services, watch for a special Town Topics' home improvement insert on April 9 and April 16.

Going Green

When you're having that new toilet installed, you might do well to consider doing it an environmentally-friendly way. A recent Wall Street Journal headline declared that "Home Builders See Green as Selling Point," noting that when the National Association of Home Builders declared February 14 "Green Day" at

the International Builders Show in Orlando, Florida, one of the sessions held that day was called "Ride the Green Wave or be Swept Away."

The article also reported that as much as 10 percent of all housing starts will probably include environmentally friendly construction by 2010. The federal government is jumping on the bandwagon too, it noted, with Department of Housing and Urban Development-sponsored "concept homes" in Omaha, Nebraska and Charleston, South Carolina, that include green features.

With respect to that green toilet, by the way, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that residential toilets account for nearly a third of our nation's indoor water use, or more than 2.1 trillion gallons of water a year. When you consider that most people typically use from 80 to 100 gallons of water per day, installing a low-flush toilet can make a significant difference. With this one improvement, a family of four will save an estimated 50 gallons of water each day, or close to 20,000 gallons a year.

"Urban Living"

Prospects look bright according to urban land use strategist and developer Christopher Leinberger in the Atlantic article quoted above, which points out the trend toward "walkable urban living," surely a major drawing card for Princeton, and the Borough in particular. Better personal health, a slimmer population, and energy efficiency as more people walk to their destinations are all positive outcomes of this phenomenon.

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